

The Scene Of Death And After Death

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Chapter 1.

Long life better if spent in worship to Allah.

(1-6)

1. It is reported by Abu Hurairah, a person asked the holy Prophet (Sal-am) as to who was better among people? He replied one who lived longer and did good deeds. Then he asked as to who was worst among people? He replied one who lived long and did bad deeds.

2. It is reported by Jabir, the holy Prophet said the best among you is a person who has long life and does good deeds.

3. It is reported by Abu Harairah that two persons of the tribe Qadhaah became Muslims and went with the holy prophet (sal-am) on Jihad. One of them became a martyr and the other lived a year longer and died his natural death. After his death Talha bin Obaidullah dreamt that the paradise was decorated and the second man entered the paradise before the martyr. Talha was surprised and he came to the holy Prophet (Sal-am) in the morning and asked the reason for this entry into paradise before the martyr. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) replied, don't you know after his martyrdom, the second Muslim to die fasted for a month in Ramdhan and prayed 6000 Rakaa'h Fard and so many Nafl prayers.

4. It is reported by Talha that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said nothing is greater in Allah's sight than one

who lived long and all his life spent in reciting Subhanallah, La ilaha illallah and Allah-o-Akbar.

5. It is reported by Saeed bin Jubair that every day of the life of a believer is good because he prays Allah's Fard, offers prayers, and remembers Allah.

6. It is reported by Ibrahim bin Abi Ubaidah that I heard from the holy Prophet (Sal-am) when a believer dies and sees his rank in the paradise then he wishes that Allah may return him to earth so that he may recite Allah-o-Akbar, La ilaha illallah and Subhanallah.



Chapter 2.

Loss of life and property should not result in prayers for death.

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7. It is reported by Anas, the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said not to pray for death in trouble and calamity. If in trouble, say like this, O Allah! keep me alive when life is better for me, and give me death when dying is better for me.

8. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said no one of you should desire death nor pray for death. This is because, when one dies his deeds are finished, and when a believer lives longer the more he does good deeds.

9. It is reported by Jabir bin Abdullah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said not to desire death. This is because the events of the Hereafter are hard and severe and it is a good sign to live and report.

10. It is reported by Qais that we visited Khubbaab when he was sick and treated his body seven places. Khubbaab said if the holy Prophet (Sal-am) had not forbidden the desire of death, I would have prayed for death.

11. It is reported by Ummul Fazl that Abbas became sick and the holy Prophet (Sal-am) and his companions went to visit him. Abbas desired death. The holy

Prophet (Sal-am) said, O uncle! do not desire death. If you are good and live long and do more good deeds, it is better for you. If you are bad and live long to repent from your sins, it is better for you. Hence, do not ask for death.



Chapter 3.

When your religion is in trouble, you may pray for death and wish the same.

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12. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, so much troubles will appear before the Day of Judgement that anyone passing by a tomb will say it would have been better if I was buried in its place.

13. It is reported by Thoban that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, "O Allah! help me in doing good deeds, in avoiding evil, loving the poor, and when you decide to put trouble among people, then make me come to you so that I may not be in trouble."

14. It is reported by Ibne Masood that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said the Anti-Christ (Dajjal) will not appear (among jews) until a believer will prefer to die. Towards the end of the world, there will be many troubles that a believer will not find it easy to safeguard his religion and will prefer death.

15. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, time will come when a believer will be offered honey in very cold water but he will prefer to die. In another tradition it says he will prefer death over pure gold. According to Abu Zarr, time will come when people will wish they were in its place when a dead body will be going for burial.

16. It is reported by Abdur Beh that Makbool was sick and he paid him a visit and prayed may Allah make

you well and healthy. Makbool said never to pray this for him. Those people who are good and hopeful will be pardoned it is better for me to passaway with them than to live with those who may give me trouble and evil.

17. It is reported by Abu Bakrah by Allah the soul that leaves the body is better than my soul and even the soul of-fly that leaves its body is better than my soul. The companions become worried and asked the reason for it. Abu Bakrah replied I fear time may come in which I may not ordain good and forbid evil. There is no good in that time.

18 It is reported by Abu Ubaidah that the world invites people towards troubles and calamity, and the devil (shaitan) towards evil and adultery. It is better to live with Allah than the world in this state.

It is reported by Abu Hurairah that he was going somewhere that a man asked him where he was going? I said to the market. He said if you trust life to permit you living till you return home, then if possible, buy death for me.

19. It is reported by Arbadh bin Sanyor that I used to wish for death. Once I went to Damascus, prayed in the mosque, O Allah! I am very old, my bones are lazy. give me death now. Suddenly I saw a young handsome person who was clothed in green. He said why do you pray like this? I said how should I pray? He said, say O Allah! give me good deeds and give me long life. I asked his name, may Allah bless him. He said my name is Rataeel and I remove unhappiness from the believer's heart. Then he disappeared.



Chapter 4.

Death is better than living

(20-37)

20 According to learned scholars death does not mean annihilation and destruction but death means that the connection with the body are severed and there is a separation between the body and the soul, and transfer from one house to another house.

21. It is reported by Bilal bin Masood and Umar bin Abdul Aziz that O people! you are not created for annihilation but you are created to live for ever and you will migrate from one house to another.

22. According to a Hadith the holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said, the gift of a believer is death and death is for him like a sweet-smelling flower (or desirable thing).

23. It is reported by lady Aaeysa that the holy Prophet (sal-am) said, death is a free gift, disobedience is trouble, poverty is a thing of comfort, wealth is punishment, wisdom is a gift, ignorance is going astray, oppression will make you sorry, worship is the comfort and coolness of the eyes crying and weeping will save you from the fear of Allah and the fire of Hell, laughing is a disease of the body, and one who repents is like one who has no sins.

24. It is reported by Mahmood bin Lubaid that here holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, the children of Adam dislike two things, one is death although death is better than trouble, second is poverty although poverty is easier to give accounts.

25. It is reported by Zarah bin Abdullah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, the children of Adam like two things, one is life although death is better for them, second is plenty of wealth, although poverty is easier to give accounts.

26. It is reported by Abu Qatadah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) witnessed a dead body for burial pass by him. He said he is being comfortable or he gave comfort to others. The companions asked O holy Prophet (Sal-am) what does that mean? He said that a believer after death receives the mercy of Allah from the trouble of the world and the sufferings, and by the death of a sinner the town, the people, animals and trees are saved as the troubles of his sins and adultery create oppression in the world and the management of the world is disturbed. A sinner is the enemy of Allah and because of him earth and whatever suffers, people, animals, plants all suffer as because of his sins it does not rain and the sustenance of every body is reduced.

27. It is reported by Ibne Umar that the world is a paradise for unbelievers (that they are lustful in the pleasures of the world) and a prison for believers (that they are mindful of the Shariah in every respect and this causes worry). When a soul leaves the believer it is like escaping from prison and improving his body by rubbing with the earth.

28. It is reported by Ibne Umar that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said to Abu Zarr, O Abu Zarr! world is a prison for a believer, tomb is his place of peace, and paradise is his abode. O abu Zarr! world is the paradise of a nonbeliever (he loves each and every thing of it and forgets the autumn and loves the spring), tomb is his place of punishment, and is his abode.

29. It is reported by Rabi bin Khaitham that the best of the things believer waits for is death. And Malik

bin Moghol says, the first happiness regarding the Hereafter entering the heart of a believer is death since he will see the rewards and blessings of Allah with his own eyes at the time of death.

30. It is reported by Abul-Darda that you people are created to die, you build houses for destruction, you are greedy of things that will vanish, you ignore those things that will remain permanently. Remember three things which you dislike are blessed (due to the rewards on them which is good end lasting): death, poverty and sickness. I like poverty so as to be humble before Allah and Allah likes humility. I like death so as to meet Allah as Allah may be seen through death. And, I like disease so that my sins may be forgiven.

31. It is reported by Abdullah bin Zakariyya if Allah allow me to live for a hundred years to worship Him or to die today, then I will prefer to die today, so as to meet Allah, His holy Prophet and good servants.

32. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, death is a cure and substitute for the sins of a believer. And he said when a believer suffers pain or a thorn pricks him his sins are forgiven, then what do you think about death which is more than 300 times of cutting by sword?

33. Abud-Darda was asked as to what he liked best for his beloved friend? He replied "death". People asked what next, if he does not die? He replied, then a bit of poverty, so that he may not forget Allah.

34. It is reported by Abu Malik Ash'ri that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, O Allah! whoever knows that I am your Prophet (Sal-am) let him like death. This is prayer for good deeds as they make one like death.

35. Hadith: it is reported by Safwan bin Sallem that death for every believer is a source of happiness

compared with worldly troubles even if the death is troublesome.

36. Hadith: it is reported by Ibne Masood, there is nothing more happy and pleasant than the sight of Allah to a believer at the time of death (that is, every believer sees Allah and as a result does not feel the pain of death at all and is prepared to give his life with pleasure).

37. Hadith: it is reported by Abud-Darda, death is good thing for a believer as well as a dis-believer (or kafir). If you don't believe me look in the Quran: Allah says, Wa ma 'indallahi khairun lil abrar (the reward by Allah is much better for good doers than the blessings of the world). Also, Allah says: wa la yahsabanna lazeena kafaroo, innama numli lahum khairul li anfusihim (let the unbelievers not think that it is better opportunity for them. It means the wealth of disbelievers is a "istidraj" or false miracle by which they are being pushed deeper in punishment as a result of forgetting Allah and the hereafter. The more blessings they will have, the greater the punishment after death.

Hence, early death is better for un-believers too.

In conclusion, the preference of death over life is real. The preference of life over death is because of more good deeds this way and is temporary.

Do not ask for death from any worldly trouble and be patient. But, you may ask for death for the sight of Allah and for safe-guarding your religion.



Chapter 5.

Remember death and be prepared for it.

(38-55)

38. It is reported by Ibne Umar, somebody asked the holy Prophet (Sal-am) as to who is a wise believer? He replied, one who remembers death a lot, and does good deeds to be useful after death-there are wise people. And he said, intelligent is a person who obeys the Shariah, who judges himself, and does the deeds that will benefit after death. And, stupid is a person who obeys and follows his self and expects Allah to reward him.

39. It is reported by Wadheen bin Ata that when the holy Prophet (Sal-am) found somebody disregarding of death, he would speak loudly at his door three times, O people! O believers! death is bound to come and death will bring mercy, comfort and blessings for those who are friends of Allah and for those who used to work for the hereafter. Remember, every deed comes to an end and the end of every deed is death. Somebody will go in the beginning and somebody will go later on.

40. It is reported that the holy Prophet passed by a group who were laughing loudly. He said you should also talk about the destroyer of lust.

Everybody asked what is the destroyer of lust? He replied, death.

It is reported that people asked, "will somebody get up among martyrs on the day of Judgement?" The holy Prophet (Sal-am) replied, "yes, one who remembers death twenty times everyday."

41. The learned scholars have said, one who remembers quick a lot, Allah will give him three miracles: guide repentance, contentment of heart and worship with peace, And one who forgets death, three troubles will come to him: he will not repent, little thing will not suffice him, and he will be lazy in worship.

42. Accordingly to Ali, tomb is a safe box of deeds that you will come to know after death. Your safe is tomb against as one keeps money in safe.

43. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that the best obedience lies in the remembrance of death in this worlds and the best worship lies in the thoughtfulness of the hereafter. One who is saddened intellectually by the remembrance of death, he will improve upon his deeds till he is no longer sad, then he will find his tomb a garden of the paradise.

And Ali said, all people are sleeping and they will awaken when they die.

44. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that every body is sorry after death. The companions asked what is he sorry for? He replied, if he is person, than why did he not do more good deeds, and if he is evil them why did he not stop.

45. Hadith: it is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, remember death a lot. This removes sins, love of the world is reduced, if you remember death in your wealthy days it will remove the wickedness of riches, and if you remember death in your poor days it will make you content in your present state.

46. Hadith: it is reported by Abu Hurairah that a man came to the holy Prophet (Sal-am) and complained, I wonder why death is not beloved to me? He said may be you have some wealth. He replied, yes I have. He advised him to spend it in the way of Allah. This is

because a believer's heart is attached to his wealth. If he first spend the money in the way of Allah then it wants him to remain isolated in the world.

47. Hadith: it is reported by Abud-Darda, one who remembers death a lot will not envy on others and will also rejoice less.

48. Hadith: it is reported by Tariq that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) told me to be prepared for death before death.

49. Hadith: it is reported by Abu Hazim, leave every such deeds that makes you dislike death, then you will have no worry when you die.

50. Hadith: it is reported by lady Safia that a woman came to lady Aesha and complained of the hardness of her heart. She replied, remember death a lot. This will soften your heart.

51. Hadith: it is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) advised to visit tombs as this reminds of death.

52. Hadith: it is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said I had earlier stopped you from visiting graveyard, but go now. This will soften the honest, fill the eyes with tears and reminds of the hereafter. Don't talk non-sense.

53. Hadith: it is reported by Abu Zarr that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) told me, you should visit tombs, this cures the disease of envy and you learn good things. And look, also pray for your dead as this way create grief are sorrow on your heart and such a person in under the protection of Allah and searches for every goodness.

54. In conclusion, death is physically unpleasant to everyone as lady Aesha says" laullona yakrahul Maut" but it should not be intellectually unpleasant. The cure

is regularity of good deeds and avoiding all evils. Remembrance of death is highly effective in doing the duties and avoiding evil, hence remembrance of death is highly effective in controlling the intellectual unpleasantness. Don't worry about the physical grief as Allah Himself creates the pleasure of the sight and all physical grief disappear.

55. Visiting tombs is recommended for men so they learn a lesson and remember the hereafter. This recommendation applies to women alone. But in a Hadith, the holy Prophet has said, "La anallaho zawwaratil quboor", this prohibition of ladies is due to their lack of patience and fear of troubles. This prohibition applies in our time.



Chapter 6.

Fear Allah and have good hopes from Him.

(56-65)

56. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) visited young man who was dying and asked him how do you feel? He replied, I have good hopes from Allah and fear my sins. There said the holy Prophet (Sal-am) one who feels like that in the state of death, Allah will fulfil his hopes and remove his fear.

57. It is reported by Hasan Basari that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, Allah says I will not give two fears on my servants. One who fears Me in the world will be without fear in the hereafter, and one who is fearless of Me in the world will be tried for fear in the hereafter.

58. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, Allah says I am the like of what My servant thinks of Me. Now it is upto him think what he wants. If he thought well therein good for him, if he thought bad, there is bad news for him.

59. It is reported by Ma-az bin Jabal that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, if you wish I can improve you what Allah will say to the believers in the first place and what will be there reply. The companions said yes, O holy Prophet (Sal-am) please tell us. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, Allah will say, O believers did you love to see Me? These people will say, yes my Lord, Then He will ask why? These people will reply we expected Your forgiveness and had good hopes from You. Allah will say, go, I have pardoned you.

60. It is reported by Abu Ghalib in Sho'bul Imam that I was in Syria where a man of the tribe Qais came to me. He had a young nephew, quite opposed to him whom he advised, admonished, beat but he would not listen. By chance The young man became very sick and close to death. His uncle was called but he refused. In the end Abu Ghalib went himself and brought his uncle to him. He started rebuking him, O enemy of Allah! haven't you done this thing wrong and that wrong? He replied of in his condition you hand me over to my mother then what will she do? He said, she will take you to paradise. The young man said, by God, Allah is kinder to me than my mother. In this time, the young man died and his uncle descended him in the tomb. By chance a block fell and his uncle looked in and then moved away. Abu Ghalib asked what did you see? He said the entire tomb is full of light and as far as I can see there is light.

61. It is reported by Hameed in Sho'abul Iman that one of my nephews become sick. I informed his mother. She came, sat near his head, and began to cry. The young man asked his uncle, why is the mother crying? I said due to your sickness. The young nephew said. Doesn't she love me? I said yes she has mercy on you and loves you. The young man said, Allah is kinder and there -compassionate than her. After his death I descended him in the tomb. By chance I could see inside and found a huge field. I asked my companion, did he see this also? He replied, yes. I say this is the result of the lost few words that he said where he had good hopes from Allah.

62. Hadith: it is reported by Jabir, that I heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am), three days before his death, when someone of you die, he should have good hopes from Allah. (Good hopes come from good deeds, so regular in good deeds).

63. Hadith: it is reported by Ibrahim Vakkai that earlier people liked to remind the dying person of his good deeds at the time of death until he has good hopes from his Lord.

64. Hadith: it is reported by Agabah bin Muslim that Allah does not like any habit of His servants more than he loves to see Him.

65. Hadith: it is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said, look! when anyone of you dies he should do so with hopes as good hopes with Allah means paradise.

In conclusion, without good deeds you cannot have good hopes with Allah at the time of your death. Without good deeds you do not have good hopes, but false hopes.



Chapter 7.

Signs of good death.

(60-70)

66. It is reported by Umar binul Hamq that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) when Allah makes a servant a friend then he makes him sweet (gives him good deeds sweet manners). The companions asked how does He sweeten him? He replied before his death he does good deeds, even the neighbours are pleased with him.

67. It is reported by lady Aayesha that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that when Allah makes somebody good and lucky. Then one year before his death sends an angel who corrects him and who invites him to do good deeds until he dies good death and everybody says he died a good death. When the angel of death comes and shows him the goods and comforts for his place in the hereafter, his soul leaves the body with pleasure. At that time he likes to meet Allah and Allah likes to meet him. Then the angel of death takes his soul away. And when Allah makes somebody bad and unlucky, then one year before his death He sends a devil (Shaitan) to him who leads him astray and tempts to sins until he dies a bad death and everybody says he died a bad death. When the angel of death comes and shows him the (punishments) of his abode in the hereafter, his soul enters deep into his body with fear. At that time he dislikes to meet Allah and the angel of death pull out his soul with force.

The author of Kitabul Afsah write in the commentary to this Hadith that when the angel of death invites a soul to come out of the body it leaves as if the snake leaves on the case of a snake-charmer, and

both the believers and the unbelievers come out similarly. The only difference is that a believer's soul wants to come out by itself and the unbeliever's soul comes upto lips and them tries to go back again.

68. It is reported by Salman Farsi that I heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) say, if at the time of death he sweats on forehead, tears come out of eyes, and nostrils open wide then this is the mercy of Allah upon him. And if his voice changes (as a camel's voice changes when his throat is tightened), his colour becomes dark, and saliva comes out of his mouth than this is the punishment of Allah.

According to learned scholars bad ending has four reasons: (1) laziness in Salat or prayers, (2) drinking alcohol, (3) disobey parents, and (4) giving trouble to believers.

O Allah give good deeds and happy ending to all Muslims in the name of the holy Prophet (Sal-am).

69. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when Allah is kind to a servant then makes him work accordingly. The people asked how does he do so? He replied before his death make him do good deeds.

The saints and learned scholars have written one who thanks Allah for his faith and Iman and prays in congregation has a happy ending.



Chapter 8.

Pain and hardships of death.

(71-99)

71. It is reported by lady Ayesha that at the time of his death the holy Prophet (Sal-am) had a vessel with water near him. He used to put his hand in it and then on his face and used to say La ilaha illallaha death is very hard!

72. According to Waheeb binul Ward, when Allah wants to have mercy on a servant, He makes him sick for all the sins he has done, calamity falls on his house and his sustenance is reduced so that sins may be forgiven. If still some sins remain unpunished for, there is hardship at the time of death so that when he comes to Me he is so clean and pure as if his mother gave birth to him the same day. And when He wants to punish a servant for whatever good deeds he may have done his Death is improved, his sustenance is increased and there is peace in his house. And if some good deeds remain, I make his death easy for him, so that when he finally comes to Me, he has no good deeds left to save him from the fire of hell. This is called false miracle or "istidraj".

73. It is reported by Zaid bin Aslam when a believer has some sins left unaccounted for by good deeds then the pain and hardships of death overcome it and take him to paradise. And when an unbeliever does some goods, deeds then death is made easy for him so that the good deeds may be rewarded in this world and his abode will be hell.

74. It is reported by Alqamah that he went to see his

nephew at the time of his death. His forehead was sweating. Alqamah laughed. People asked him why do you laugh? He said I heard Ibne Masood reporting that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that a believer's soul departs while sweating and an unbeliever's soul departs from his mouth like a donkey dying. And a believer suffers hardship at the time of his death due to sins so that the sins are accounted for, and an unbeliever has easy death because of good deeds and nothing is left but bad deeds after wards.

75. It is reported by Jabir bin Abdullah that several men of the Bani 'Israel travelled and reached a graveyard. They said let us pray two raka'ah each and hope that we meet some dead person who may tell us the state of death. They prayed and a man came out of a tomb. His colour was black and there was mark of prostration on his fore-head. He said, O people! what do you think? a hundred years have passed to my death and still I suffer from the heat of death. You people pray for me that Allah makes me insensitive.

76. It is reported by Umar bin Haseeb that two men of the Bani Israel were pious. They worshiped at their places for a long time until they got tired of it. One day both agreed to go to a graveyard and pray there. May be one day they could talk to a dead person. Subsequently they stayed and worshiped in the graveyard until one day a dead person rose and said that I died eighty years ago and still feel the pain of death.

77. It is reported by Dhahak that somebody asked the holy Prophet (Sal-am) about the hardship and pain of death. He replied death has many hardships, the least is like a thousand swords attack. According to Ka'abul Ahbar the pain of death till the day of Judgement. Iman Auzaii has a similar report.

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75. It is reported by Jabir bin Abdullah that several men of the Bani 'Israel travelled and reached a graveyard. They said let us pray two raka'ah each and hope that we meet some dead person who may tell us the state of death. They prayed and a man came out of a tomb. His colour was black and there was mark of prostration on his fore-head. He said, O people! what do you think? a hundred years have passed to my death and still I suffer from the heat of death. You people pray for me that Allah makes me insensitive.

76. It is reported by Umar bin Haseeb that two men of the Bani Israel were pious. They worshiped at their places for a long time until they got tired of it. One day both agreed to go to a graveyard and pray there. May be one day they could talk to a dead person. Subsequently they stayed and worshiped in the graveyard until one day a dead person rose and said that I died eighty years ago and still feel the pain of death.

77. It is reported by Dhahak that somebody asked the holy Prophet (Sal-am) about the hardship and pain of death. He replied death has many hardships, the least is like a thousand swords attack. According to Ka'abul Ahbar the pain of death till the day of Judgement. Iman Auzaii has a similar report.

78. It is reported by Hasan that somebody asked

Moses, how did he find death. He replied take an iron structure with many thorns entering my abdomen and a blood vessel attached to each thorn and pulled out with force. Then, Allah said O Moses! I am easy with you.

79. It is reported that when the soul of Moses reached Allah, then He asked how was the pain of death? He replied that I formed myself like a sparrow (bird) being fried on fire. Neither it dies to be relieved nor escapes all the pain by flying away.

80. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said at the time of death a person is surrounded by angels on all sides otherwise due to the pain of death he would be running in the forests, in the fields, etc. A similar report is by Fadhal bin Ayadh that a man is troubled by an ant's bite, then how come he is quite and peaceful at death (He replied that) the angels hold him together firmly.

81. It is reported by Shahr bin Hoshab that somebody asked the Prophet (Sal-am) about the hardship and pain of death. He replied easy death is like pulling a Thorny branch in silk so to revive that with every thorn the silk comes out in pieces.

82. Jesus Christ with the permission of Allah used the dead. An unbeliever said to him you revive recent deeds but would you revive an early dead person. He said I will revive whom you want. He asked to revive Nah's son Sam. Jesus went to his tomb, prayed two raka'ah Salat and prayed. Allah made him alive and he came out of the tomb. His head and beard were grey. People asked in your time people did not have grey hairs, how come your hairs is grey? He replied when I was called to be revived, I thought that the day of Judgement has come. By the fear my hair become grey. People asked how long have you been dead? He replied

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84. It is reported by Ibne Abi Maleekah that Umar asked Kabul Albar to describe him the state of death. He said O leader of the believers! death is like a thorny tree, when it enters the body every blood vessel pierces its thorns and a powerful man pulls it by force.

85. It is reported by Shaddad bin Aus of the troubles of the world and hereafter, death is the most dreadful thing for a believer. If somebody is cut by an axe or cut by a sharp scissor into pieces, or cooked in a big pot, the death is more dreadful than those. If the dead were to come out and describe the sufferings of death, the people may find it difficult to live and forget about sleep and comfort.

86. It is reported by Ka'ab that the pain of death persists on the dead man or woman as long as they are in the tomb i.e. till the day of Judgement and for a believer it is the hardest trouble, and for the unbeliever the easiest. There is a similar report by Wahab bin Manbah, that the first trouble for an unbeliever is death and is the last trouble for a believer.

87. It is reported by Wathila bin Asq'a that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that you be present near the dying person, read La ilaha illallah and give the good news of paradise because even wise man and woman

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88. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that when the pain of death is increased on a believer, then his body parts say salam (good-bye) to each other that we will meet again on the day of Judgement we are separated till that day.

89. It is reported by Abi Qatadah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that a martyr does not feel the pain of death except like an ant's bite or finger-nail pricking.

90. It is reported by Mohammed that the angel of death Izrael will die last. Allah will tell him to die and he will scream so loud that will kill all the angels of the sky and people of the earth had they been alive. And he will die himself.

91. Hadith: it is reported by Ibne Masood that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said a believer's soul comes out with slight jerk and an unbeliever's soul comes out flowing easily (like a donkey's soul). The secret is that a believer does some sins also therefore death is a bit harder at times so that the sins may be accounted for. Hence this punishment is really mercy. And the unbeliever does some good also therefore death is a bit easier at times so that the good deeds may be accounted for. Hence a this ease is really punishment so that there is nothing left for comfort for him in the hereafter.

92. Hadith: it is reported by lady Aeysha that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that a believer will be rewarded for every unpleasant thing even that of vomiting and other movements at the time of death.

93. Hadith: it is reported by Alqamah bin Qais that

he once visited his cousin at the time of his death. When he touched his fore-head it was wet with the sweet. He said Allah-o-Akbar with pleasure. And said that Ibne Masood reports the holy Prophet (Sal-am) telling that a believers death sign is his sweet on the fore-head. Every believer's sins are punished in the world and whatever remains is accounted for by the hardship at the time of his death.

94. Hadith: it is reported by Sufyan that earlier people wished and liked to sweat on the fore-head at the time of their death. (Some learned scholars have written that the sweet of a believer's fore-head is because he is ashamed of his sins before Allah. His lower part of the body is dead and his upper part is still alive and the centre of modesty and shyness, the eyes are still working). An unbeliever is unaware of all these things.

95. Umar bin Abdul Aziz used to say, I do not want the pain of death be easy for me. This is because, it is the last thing on which a beleiver is rewarded.

96. Athar (Report) by Kaab bin Ahbar, somebody asked what is that disease for which there is no cure ? He said "death". According to Zaid bin Aslam, death is a disease and its cure is Allah's pleasure (i.e. when the person knows that Allah is pleased with me than all the pains of death are gone).

97. Hadith: it is reported by Obaid bin Umar, I asked lady Aeysha by surprise whether we should hate death ? She said why ? Why should it be disliked ? I asked the holy Prophet (Sal-am) in this connexion and he replied, death is a pleasant thing for a believer, but for unbeliever it is a very sad and griveous thing.

98. It is reported by learned scholars that one who brushes his tooth quite often (by "Miswalk") his soul will depart easily, and one who does good deeds before death his soul will leave easily.

99. In conclusion, it should be kept in mind that most of the traditions about the pain of death are weak and do not prove the point. Some are good and correct but they do not refer to all cases and everyone does not have to suffer the hardship. If you call it hardship then it may be physically so but not spiritually so. If an enemy presses you hard it is pain but if your beloved does so it is really pleasure. This is because of love/so we must increase the love of Allah before hand and do good deeds.

According to Hakimul Ummat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi the hardship of death is not in a majority of cases of believes so as to worry. It has been observed that the patient's soul has left and yet he is talking comfortably. This means he is not unable to describe the hardship of death and I think it is not true that everybody feels the hardship of death. Just as a believer will pass through He narrow bridge of Sirat in the hereafter, yet he can not cross a similar bridge in the world, similarly this may be a peculiarity of Barzakh where things should be easy.



Chapter 9.

What you should say to a dying person and what he should say.

(100-111)

100. It is reported by Abud-Darda that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said near where head surah Yasin is recited, the hardship of death is eased for him by Allah.

101. It is reported by Jabir bin Zaid that it is better to recite surah Ra'd by a dying person. This makes it easy for him keeps him in good shape. And we used to pray like this shortly before death in the time of the holy Prophet (Sal-am): O Allah! forgive him, comfort his sleeping place, widen his tomb, and keep him well and comfortable after death. And mix him with the soul of the believers, keep us together in the hereafter, and do not give him any pain or hardship. Then we read blessings (Durood) on the holy Prophet (Sal-am), until he died.

102. It is reported by Sha'bi that the helpers of the holy Prophet (Sal-am) Ansar used to recite surah Baqarah (the cow) before the dying person, shortly before death.

103. It is reported that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, teach La ilaha illallah to the dying person and he said whose last word (talk) would be La ilaha illallah he will enter paradise. And he said when a child starts speaking teach him or her La ilaha illallah and when somebody is dying teach hi La ilaha illallah, whose first

and last word is La ilaha illallah, even if he lived a thousand years will not be asked about the sins.

104. It is reported by Abdullah bin Abi Oofa a man came to the holy Prophet (Sal-am) and said that at that place a young man is dying we ask him to say La ilaha illallah but he can not say now. He asked, did he say so before? He replied yes: He said, why can't he say now? Then he got up and went to the young man and asked him to say La ilaha illallah. He said I can't say. He asked the reason for that. He replied I have disobeyed my mother as lot. He asked is she alive? He said, yes. He asked his mother to come there and then enquired if he was her son? She said, yes. He said, tell me if a big fire was burnt and said if you do not recommend he will be thrown in the fire, then would you recommend? She said, I will recommend. He said, you say by Allah, I am pleased with him, She said I am pleased now and forgive his sins. He then said the man to say La ilaha illallah. He soon said so. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) thanked Allah that due to him He rescued him from Hell.

105. It is reported by Talha and Umar that we heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) say I know a "Kalimah" (statement) that if the dying person says it his soul finds peace, and will be light on the day of Judgement for him, will remove the pain of death, and show him what will please him. The Kalimah is La ilaha illallah!

106. It is reported by Abdur Rahman Maharbi that a man came near his death. People asked him to recite La ilaha illallah. He said, I can't recite because I used to live with those people who ordered me to rebuke Abu Bakr and Umar.

107. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that the angel of death came to a person, looked into his body and found no good deeds,

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109. In another report, the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, why not I tell you the Greatest Name (Asme Aazam), the prayer of Jonah (La ilaha anta subhanaka inni kunto minaz Zalemin. A Muslim who recites it 40 times in his death and die will die as a martyr and if he became well then he is free from sins.

110. It is reported by Ali that I heard a few things from the holy Prophet (Sal-am) one who recites them at the time of his death will enter paradise. There are: La ilaha illallahul Haleemul Karim-3 times, Surah Fatiha (Al-Hamdo lillahi rabbil aalameen) -3 times, and finally surah Mulk of the 29th chapter (Tabarakallazi beyadehil mulko wa huwa ala kulli shayin Qadeer).

111. It is reported by Shaddad bin Ans that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when you go to a dead body, close its eyes as the eyes see the death going up and say nice words and pray for the dead as the angels there say Ameen- A companion say read this and another say angels say Ameen on this prayer: bismillahe wa ala millate rasoolullah.



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Chapter 10.

The angel of death and his accompanying angels.

(112-168)

112. Allah says in the holy Quran: *hatta iza jaa-ahada humul manto tawaffatho rosolona wa hum la yofarritoon* (i.e. until some of you die then our angels take him and they are not unjust). Ibne Abbas has said in the commentary of this verse that these refer to the angel of death and his accompanying angel. And wahab bin Manbah says those angels who come to people and write their ages also take his soul and later give it to the angel of death who is their leader.

113. It is reported by Abu Hurairah when Allah decided to create Adam then He sent one of the angels lifting the Arsh (throne) to the earth. When he wanted to take some earth, the earth said by Allah who sent you, do not take earth from me, tomorrow it will have to burn in fire. On hearing this angel did not take the earth. When the angel returned to Allah, the Lord Asked what kept him from following My orders? The angel said, O Allah! it swore by You, therefore I did not take. Subsequently, Allah sent another angel to earth and the earth swore by Allah the same way. All angel came and were unsuccessful. Then Allah sent the angel of death and the earth swore again. The angel of death said I must obey the orders of Allah, who has sent me. Then he took from every place good or bad some earth and reached Allah. Thus Adam's body was made from water from paradise. Zahri has a similar report and said that the first angel was Israfeel and second Mikaeel (Michael). And Ibne Masood and many other

companions have reported that the first (few) angels were Gabriel (Jibraeel) and Mikaeel.

114. It is reported by Ibne Sabitah that a number of traditionalists say that Allah has appointed four angels (Gabriel, Mikaeel, Israfil and the angel of death) to rule the world according to His wishes: Gabriel commamnds on winds and other angels, Mikaeel commands on water (from vain) and growing of vegetation, angel of death on death and taking of soul, and Israfeel bring Allah's orders and these rule the would accordingly.

115. It is reported by Imam Jalaluddin Soyouti in Du-Durrul Hesan that Allah has created a tree below the thorne (Arsh) whose leaves are equal to the number of people whose name is Shajarul-Muntaha (the last tree). When the age of a person ends and only 40 days are left then a leaf of his name drops before Izraeel. From that day all angels call him dead. He only lives for 40 days in the world. If he is good then the angel of death sees round his name a huminous living. After 40 days the angel of death asks worriedly, who are you? and what do you want? He replies, I am the angel of death, and I have been ordered to take your soul away. Hearing this he turns his face away and his eyes change. The angel of death says you do not recognize me. I am the one who took away the souls of your children, your parents and will do it to you now and you will meet your children and relatives. I am the death who has destroyed the earlier people who had more wealth, children and strength than you. How did you find the world? He replies, I found the world unfaithful and cunning. Then by the permission of Allah, the world will come to him and say, O disobedient! how much you disobeyed your Lord and how much sin you did. You were admonished but you thought that you will live in the world for ever. I am sick of you and your deeds. Next his wealth will come in front of him and

say, O disobedient! you earned me illegally. If you had spent me on the poor I could have been of use to you now.

116. it is reported that when a dying person's tongue is stopped then four angels visit him and greet him. The first angel says after greeting, O servant of Allah! I was appointed over your sustenance. I looked all over the earth (east to west) and found nothing of your sustenance any more). Next, the second angel greets and says, O servant of Allah! I appointed over your drinks (of water). I looked all over the earth (east to west) and found not a drop of water to drink. Next, the third angel comes to greet and says, O servant of Allah! I was appointed over your breaths. I searched all over the earth (east to west) and did not find a breath anywhere. Finally, the fourth angel comes to greet and says O servant of Allah! I was appointed over your life. I searched all over the earth (east to west) and did not find life for you. Subsequently, come two angels who used to write down each and a very deed. They will greet and draw his deed sheets. He will cry and look right and left ashmed and afraid to read what he did. Next the angel of death take his soul away.

117. It is reported by Rabee' bin Anas who was asked by someone whether the angel of death took away all the soul by himself or other angels assist him in the task? He replied the angel of death is responsible and leader of the group but other angel help him also. In one step he can reach east and west. Then he asked Rabee' bin Anas where the souls of believers lived? He replied above the seventh heavens, near the Sidratul Muntaha.

118. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that the angel of death has many accompanying angels that come to take the soul away. Some angels take the soul, some angels say Ameen (Amen) on those who pray for the dead,

others pray for the dead until formal prayer is read for the dead body.

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120. It is reported by Jafar bin Mohammed the angel of death looks for salat (Namaz) first among people and when he comes to take away the soul at the time of death and if he used to pray then he removes the devil nearby and in this difficult hour teach him La ilaha illallah, Mohammedur rasoolullah and then take away the soul.

121. It is reported by Hasan that of all the houses on earth, the angel of death searches every householder three times every day and whom he finds have expired his sustenance and age take away his soul. When the householders cry, the angel of death stands by the door and says, I have not done any sin, we are obedient servants to Allah. By Allah I have not taken away his sustenance nor reduced his age. We will visit you again

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and until not one of you is left alive. Hasan says by Allah if the householders were to see him and listen to him, they would have forgotten their dead bodies and cried over their state.

122. It is reported by Maimoon that when Muttalib bin Abdullah bin Hantab become sick we paid him a visit. He was in the hardship of death and unconcious. One of us said O Allah! have mercy upon him, he was generous and good, he gained conciousness and asked who said that. We said that man. He said the angel of death says that I am kind to all generous believer and easy with him and then he died.

123. It is reported by Ubaidah bin Umair that one day Abraham suddenly found a young handsome man in his house. He said to him O servant of Allah! who allowed you to come in without order? He said the owner of the house. He said, yes, He can do that, who are you? He replied, I am the angel of death. He said you are not what I know about you. He asked him to turn his face the other way and when he turned back again he found him having eyes on the front of the head and behind the head and the body is having and the hairs are erect and Abraham asked for Allah's mercy and asked him to become in the original form. He came back in the first form and said, O Abraham when Allah sends me to someone who prefers meeting Him, I go in the first form.

124. It is reported by Ibne Masood and Ibne Abbas that when Allah made Abraham His friend, the angel of death sought permission to give Abraham the good news. The Lord allowed him to do so. The angel of death came to Abraham and told the good news. He said Alhamdo liked (all praised to Allah. Then he asked the angel of death how did he take away the soul of the unbelievers. The eyes of death said you could not see

that. He said yes, but show something. He asked him to turn his face the other way. When he looked back, he saw a black man, his head high up the sky, fire coming out of his mouth, all his body hairs are like men and all these with fire coming out of their mouth and ears. Abraham fainted and the angel changed to his first form. When he recovered, he said O angel of death! if the unbeliever did not suffer hardships of death and only saw you that would have been enough.

Then he said O angel of death! show me how you take away the life of believers. He asked him to turn his face the other way. When he looked again, he saw a young handsome man with perfumes and white dress. He said angel of death! if a believer were to see your face only instead of blessings from Allah, that would have been sufficient for him.

125. It is reported by Ashath bin Saleem that Abraham asked the angel of death how do you take away the souls when one is in the east and other in the west when there is disease in a city or when a battle the two sides are fighting hard? The angel of death replied by the permission of Allah I call the soul and they collect between my two fingers and the earth is reduced to a vessel and I pick up from where I want.

126. It is reported by Hakam that Jawb asked the angel of death you take away the soul of every living thing, now you are with me and living creatures are all over the earth in different places? He replied that the world is at my command like a small vessel and I pick up from when I want.

127. It is reported by Shahr bin Hoshab that the angel of death is sitting and the world is before him, the sheet with people's ages is before him and angels are standing by him and the angel of death is contantly

watching the sheet. Whoever expires his time, he orders the angels to take away his soul.

128. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that some body asked him that there are two people, one in the east, one in the west and both are to die at the same time. How does the angel of death has full control and command at the inhabitants of the east and west, animals subterranean, aquatic animals as if food is served and the guest takes from where he wishes.

129. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that the angel of death has command all over the world as if everybody has control over his hand. He has a group of angels of mercy and a group of angels of punishment. Thus, when he wishes to take the soul of a good man, he gives him to the angels of mercy and when he wishes to take away the soul of an evil person or unbeliever he gives him to the angels of punishment. there is a similar report by Abul Muthna also.

130. It is reported by Khathma that the angel of death on a came in the company of Solomon and stared at a man with surprise. When the angel of death was gone, he asked Solomon who that was? He replied the angel of death. He said that He was looking at me as if he wants to take away my soul. He asked what he wanted. He said send me to India. He ordered the wind to take him to India and the wind did so. Then the angel of death came again to Solomon. He asked, why was he staring at that person? He said I was surprised at this that Allah's order came to me to take away his soul in India and he was sitting with you.

131. It is reported by Khasthma that Solomon asked the angel of death to inform him of his time of death when it approaches. The angel of death said, he did not know this any better than him jest as you do not know I do not know. When I recieve a paper from below the

throne (Arsh), I take away his soul whose name is there. There is similar report from Moammad. There is a report from Ibne Jarir there is an order from the Lord to take away one's soul at this time.

132. It is reported by Abne Abbas that an angel seeked Allah His permission to visit the prophet Idris. When he was allowed, he came to Idris saluted (greeted). He asked, do you meet the angel of death? He replied, he is my friend. He said you can benefit me from him. He said, I can not help in the time of death but help you in easing death. Then the angel asked him to mount on his wing. He mounted. The angel flew above the seven Heavens and met the angel of death and said I want to say something to you. The angel of death said I know you will talk about Idris. His name has been removed from the living. Now his age is left that half of a milk. Idris died amounted the angel's wing.

133. It is reported by jabir bin Zaid that in earlier days the angel of death used to appear suddenly and take away the soul. People did not have any illness. Then people started rebuking the angel of death and curse him. The angel of death complained to Allah. Then Allah created disease and illness and all people started dying in illness and forgot about the angel of death. They said, he died in that illness.

134. It is reported by Ahmad Bazzar and Hakim from Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said in earlier times the angel of death used to come as a man and take away the soul. When he came to Moses, he got angry and punched him in the eye which he lost. He complained it to Allah that your servant Moses hinted my one eye and had you not made him great I would too have inflicted him with pain. He was ordered to go to Moses and ask him if he still wanted to live then let him put his hand on a cow and he will live the years

of number of hairs underneath. He asked what next? He replied, death. He said take it away now. The angel of death smelled him and took away his soul. Allah repaired his eye and after this event he began coming in hiding.

135. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said David was very modest. He used to lock the door when he went outside. One day he left the house and locked it. On opening the door he found a man standing inside. He asked, who are you? He said I am that person who does not fear kings and guards can not stop me from going in. He said by Allah you are the angel of death and have brought order from Allah (to take me away) He lay down there the angel of death took his soul away.

136. It is reported by Husain in Tibrani that Gabriel came to the holy Prophet (Sal-am) in his illness of death to enquire how he was? He replied, O Gabriel! there is much pain of illness. In the meantime the angel of death called at the door and asked permission to enter. Gabriel said, O Mohammed (Sal-am) this is the angel of death seeking permission to come to you. He has earlier never sought permission from anyone and will not seek permission from anyone in the future, He said let him come in. Gabriel allowed in. The angel of death came in front said Allah has ordered me to obey you. If you permit me to do so then I will take away your soul. If you do not allow me then I will not take away your soul. He asked the angel of death, can you do that? He replied, yes O Prophet (Sal-am). Allah has ordered me this. Then Gabriel said O Prophet! (Sal-am), Allah wished to see you. Then the holy Prophet (sal-am) angel of death! follow Allah's orders and the angel of death took away his soul (Sal-am).

137. It is reported by 'Ata bin Yasir, there is not a

single house in which the angel of death does not search its inhabitants five times a day, if someone is there whose soul I take away. There is a report by Ka'ab also that the angel of death stands at the main entrance and looks seven times if somebody is such whose soul I take away.

It is reported by Thabit bin Banani that of the 24 hours in a day and night, there is not a moment in which the angel of death does not pass over people and if there is order for him to take away a soul he takes it away, otherwise removes on.

There is a report by Ibne Najjar bin Tarikhe Baghdad (The history of Baghdad) by Anas that the angel of death sees every face 70 times and if are who is going to die laughs he is surprised that will take away his soul and he is laughing.

138. It is reported by Abi Imamah that I heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) say Allah has appointed the angel to take away all the souls except those of martyrs of the sea whom He Himself takes away. Martyrs of the sea are those who go by sea to Hajj and die in the way.

139. It is reported by Bara bin 'Aazib that we went with the holy Prophet (Sal-am) with the body of a helper (Ansari), when we reached the graveyard and the body was not yet descended in the grave the holy Prophet (Sal-am) sat down and we sat down round him bowing our heads.. In his hand there was a stick with which he used to fresh the earth. Then he lifted his head and said two or three times seek the refuge of Allah from the punishment of tomb, when a believer dies and goes to the hereafter then visit angels from the sky to him. Their faces are white and luminous like sun. They bring clothes and perfumes from paradise with him and sit in front of him as far as he can see. Then comes the angel of death who sits near his head and says O good soul!

come out of the body and leave for you Lord. Then the soul comes out so easily as a drop of water from its container (even if you see otherwise and see him in apparent pain). The angel of death take the soul and the angels welcome him, clothe him with clothes of paradise and apply perfume of paradise, now he is sweeter than musk. And take him to the Heavens above. When they come to group of angel in the way, they ask whose blessed soul in his? They give his name with respect and say him son of him. Till they arrive the Heaven of earth, they ask the door to be opened. When the door opens then all the angels of that Heaven accompany to the second Heaven and open its door and the angels of that Heaven also accompany him. This way goes on till all the seven Heavens are passed. Then Allah orders to write his deed sheetes in "Illyeen" and orders his soul to go down to the earth because it was created from earth and will be brought back to life from earth again. Then the soul is brought in the body and two angels (Munker & Nakeer) come and seat the dead person and ask who is your Lord? He replies my Lord is Allah. Then they ask what is your religion? He replies my religion is Islam. Then they ask who is this person sent to you? He says this is the messenger (Sal-am) of Allah. Then the two angels asked how did you recognize him? He replies, I read Quran and believed in him and found his truthfulness. A loud voice from the Heaven says my servant said the truth, put the floor of paradise in his tomb, cloth him with the clothes of paradise and open the door towards paradise so that he may receive the air and perfumes, and his tomb will be widened as far as the eyes goes on. Then a man luminous face, well-dressed, with perfume will come you are to be congratulated for this comfort, this was the day promised for you in the world. He will ask who

are you, you are good. He will reply I am your good deeds which you did in the world for Allah.

The dead will say let there be day of Judgement, let there be day of Judgement so that I meet my friends and relative and describe my well-being. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, when an unbeliever passes by and enters the hereafter then angels with black faces and carrying a blanket and sit in front of the dying person as far as he can see. Then comes the angel of death and sit down and say O evil soul! get out of the body and move towards the punishment and anger of Allah. His soul enters deep into his body. The angel of death pulls by force like a thorny branch in silk. When the soul comes out it is immediately wrapped of in blanket from which rotten dead body's small comes out. Then they take it towards the Heaven. When they pass by a group of angels they ask whose evil soul is that? They reply his name with contempt and say him son of him with worst name than on earth. Until they reach the first Heaven and ask for the door to be opened.

The door is not opened for them. Then the holy Prophet (Sal-am) recited this verse of Quran: La tufattaho lahum abwabus sama-e (i.e. for them the door of the Heavens will not be opened. Then Allah orders to write his deed-sheets in "Sijjeen. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) recited this verse: fakannama kharra minas same-e fatakh tafohut tairo am tahwi behir reeho fi makenis saheeq (i.e. one who ascribes partners to Allah as if he fell from the Heavens, birds started pricking him or the wind dropped him in deep pit). Then his soul is put back in the body and two (Nakeerain) angels come to him, make him sit and will ask who is your Lord? He will reply, sorry I do not know. They will ask what is your religion? He will reply, sorry I don't know. Then they will ask who is this person who was sent to you as Prophet? He will reply, sorry I don't know. A loud voice

from the Heaven will say, my servant is a liar. Put the floor of fire in his tomb, clothe him with dress of fire and open the door towards hell, thus the heat of hell will reach him fast, and his tomb will be narrowed so that the ribs break down. Then an evil person with ugly face, bad-melling will come and say this punishment may smelling you. You were promised of this day in the world. He will ask who are you, you appear with this face. He will say I am your bad deeds that you did in the world. That moment he will say O Lord! let the day of Judgement not come so that I may escape the real bodily punishment even though there is punishment in the tomb also. In Hadith it says one who dies receives reward or punishment night and day.

140. It is reported by the Abu Ya'li and Ibne Abid Duniya from Tamim Dari that the holy Prophet (Salam) said that Allah ordered the angel of death, I have a friend, I have examined him in comfort and pain he likes me in every situation, you go to him so that I relieve him from the suffering and pain of the world. The angel of death goes with 500 other angels, his clothes and bouquet fragrant flowers with a root and dozens of fragrant flowers on top with a separate smell for each flower. He would also have white silk and pure musk. The angel of death sits near his head and the remaining angels surrounded him and they will put their hands on his body. They will clothe him with silk from his foot to neck, sprinkle musk, then open the door to paradise and tempt him this is house. These are young "Hours", this is your dress, these are fruits for you to eat. Just like children cry and they are, the hours of the paradise will lean towards him and by now his soul will be keen to come out, then the angel of death will say O holy soul come out of the body and travel towards your Lord, towards thornless berries, towards layer after layer of bunches of bananas, and

towards morning water. At that time the angel of death is kinder than your mother because this soul is that of a friend of Allah. Allah is kind and pleased with him. Then the angel of death will take out his soul as if one removes hair from flower. When the soul comes out all the angels will say (Quran): Salamun alaihum mud kholul jannata bima kuntum ta'maloon (peace be with you, you enter) paradise because of your deeds). When the angel of death takes away the soul, the soul will say to the body may Allah reward you, you helped me in worship and prevented me from evil. This day is blessed for you, you escaped the fire and made me saved also. The body will say the same to the soul. He said all corners of earth will weep on him for 40 days, where he worshipped, doors of Heaven where deeds used to go up and from where sustenance used to come down. Then the 500 angels will stand by the dead body, help him lift, wash, change sides, clothe, put perfumes, and stands in both sides from his house to his tomb and seek forgiveness. At that moment, the accursed Iblis (devil) cries so loud that some of its bones break and asks his army how come this person escaped your tricks. They will reply, he was innocent, all his sins were forgiven. When the angel of death reached the Heaven with his soul, Gabriel will come with 70,000 angels to welcome him and all the angels will give good news from Allah. Then when the angel of death reaches the throne (Arsh), he will prostrate. Allah will order the angel of death to take his soul and keep him in the tomb till the day of Judgement. This was what happened with the soul, now what happens with the body. When they return after burying him in the tomb the Salat (prayers) come to his right, fasting to the left, Quran and recitals towards the head, visit to the mosque for Salat towards the foot, and patience on the outside. Now Allah sends punishment, when it comes to the right, prayers were

and say go away there is no way for you, he struggled all his life and has now been relieved when he came to the tomb. The punishment comes to the left and finds a similar response. When it comes towards the head, Quran and recitals give similar reply, when it comes towards the feet, it gets similar reply when it fails on all sides and finds that worship has protected it, it goes away. Then patience tells all the worship (that was silawit as for) that if you could not do it, I would have done it done and removed the punishment. Now I will worship at the Bridge of Sirat and Balance (of deeds). Now Allah sends two angels in the tomb, their eyes shine like lighting, their voice is like sound of lighting, their teeth are like cows horns, flame of fire comes out of their breath, their body is hairy, there is a long gap between their two shoulders, they have no kindness in their hearts except for believers, one is called Munkar and other is called Nakeer, and both of them have such a heavy stick that all the people and can not lift it.

They ask the dead to sit down and his clothes undress down the waist. Then they ask, who is your Lord? What is your religion? who is your Prophet? The dead replies my Lord is Allah, who is One and has no partners. My religion is Islam. My prophet is Mohammed (Sal-am), the last ..of the prophethood. The angels say you are right, and then they spread the tomb from all sides and asks him to look up. When the dead looks up, he sees the paradise, and the angels say, O friend of Allah, this is your house. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) said by Allah who owns Mohammed's life there will be happiness in the deed's heart that will never go away. Then the angel say look down. Who he looks down he sees hell.

The angels will say, O friend of Allah! you are saved from this. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) said by Allah who owns Mohammed's life there will be such a happiness in

the dead's heart that will never go away. Then 77 doors of paradise are opened for him from which fragrance of paradise and coolness will come till the day of Judgement.

And the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that God would command the angel of death to go towards His enemy (He unbeliever) so that I take the revenge. I gave him plenty of sustenance and all sorts of blessings but he chose to disobey Me. The angel of death will go to him in such ugly shape that no one may have seen such shape before: with 12 eyes with a huge iron rod with many thorns at the ends, accompanied by 500 angels with coal, smoke and rubbish with flames of fire. The angel of death will insert the thorny rod in his body till the thorns reach the roots of the hair and will catch every blood vessel. That time the angel of death will wrap the tissues and blood vessels in the rod and pull it. He will pull his soul from the toes of the feet to the backside. The enemy of Allah will be in severe punishment then. The angels will hit him with whips on his face and back. Then the angel of death will pull the soul upto legs and angels will whip likewise. Similarly the soul will be pulled upto the back, chest, throat. Than he will put coal and smoke on his throat and punish him. And the angel of death will say O evil get out of the body and come to fire and heat. When the soul leaves the body it says to the body may Allah ruin you, you took me to disobedience of Allah in the world and prevented me from worship. You reined yourself and ruined me also. The body says the same and curses, and all those places where Allah was disobeyed curse him. The army of devil goes to give the good news to Iblis that one son of Adam has gone to hell. When he is put in the tomb, the tomb is narrowed so that the bones and left ribs break with pressure. The right ribs go into the left and ribs go into the right. Then Allah sends lots of cobros that will bite

him. Then Allah will send two angels (Munkar and Nakeer) who will ask, who is your Lord? What is your religion? who is your Prophet? He will reply, I don't know. They will say you didn't learn or read. Then they will beat him up and the tomb will be full of flames of fire. They will tell him to lookup. He will see the paradise. The angels will say, O enemy of Allah! this would have been your place if you had obeyed Allah. The holy Prophet (Sal-am) said by Allah who owns my life he will be so sorry that he will never forget A door will be opened towards the hell and he will be told O enemy of Allah when you disobeyed Allah, this is your abode. There will open 77 doors from hell and the fire and heat will be coming till the day of Judgement.

141. It is reported by Abu Saeed Khudri that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when a believer travels towards the hereafter and leaves the world then a group of angels descend, their faces are shining like sun. They bring clothes and perfumes from paradise and sit in front of the dying person upto where his vision goes. When his soul leaves, all the angels of heavens and earth and in between offers funeral prayers.

142. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when a believer's soul is taken away then the angels bring white silken clothes from paradise and say O soul! come out of the body, Allah is pleased with you and you are pleased with Allah. So the soul comes out and it has perfume better than musk. Then the angels welcome it and smell its perfume, till they bring it to the door of the first Heaven. The angels there say this sweet smell that comes from the earth is so good. This is what the angels say at each Heaven, and bring it alone to the seventh Heaven where the believer's soul rest. Just as house holders are pleased to find lost members of the house even more are pleased the believer's soul they ask, what is he doing? and what

is he doing? Then comes a voice, wait a minute, let him rest a while. He has just escaped the troubles and griefs of the world. The soul replies he died, did he not come to you? They say sorry, he went to his abode underneath.

When an unbeliever's soul is being taken away, the angels of punishment bring blankets and say, get out evil soul! towards the angel and punishment of Allah. You were not pleased with Allah and Allah is not pleased with you. Eventually the soul comes out smelling worst than rotten dead body, then they take him to the door of the earth. The angels there say what a rotten bad smell, until they take him to the seventh earth door, until they take is where the unbeliever's soul rest.

143. It is reported by Abdullah bin Umair that when a believer becomes a martyr in the way of Allah, then by his first drop of blood that fall on the ground, all his sins are forgiven by Allah, and He sends a body from paradise in which to take away his soul, He sends a body from paradise in which his soul comes and goes with the angels to Heaven. He is so well mixed with angels that one thinks of him as an angel. He goes up and prostrates and then all the angels prostrate. He is forgiven, cleaned and ordered to be taken away with the martyrs in the green gardens with minarets. There are cows and fishes there, who feed the martyrs what they have never eaten before. These fishes swim all day in the canals of paradise and eat sweet-smelling food of paradise. In the evening the cow slaughters them with its horns and they are cooked. When the martyrs eat them, they get the taste of all sweet-smelling things of paradise. The cows graze all night in the paradise and eat all the fruits of paradise. In the morning the fish slaughter it with its tail and they are cooked, when its meat is eaten all the flavours of fruits from paradise is there. When Allah decides to take away a believer's

soul. He sends two angels with clothes and perfumes from paradise. They say O holy soul come out and move towards your Lord, who is pleased with you. Then the soul deposit from the body smelling sweeter than pure musk and the corner of the Heaven angels stand in rows and say glory be to Allah, today comes holy soul from earth. The door of every Heaven is opened for him and every Heaven and its angels pray for mercy for him and recommend the same. They prostrate before Allah when they come to Him and say O my Lord! this is your servant, You know we have taken away his soul. Allah orders it to prostrate and the soul prostrates. Meekaeel is given custody of this soul to put with souls of believers, on the day of Judgement, I will ask you about him. Then it is ordered to take it to tomb which is widened 70 years in length and 70 years in width and they put silken floor there and put perfumes. There if he has recited Quran its light enlightens the tomb and if he has not read Quran then Allah gives light like sun in his tomb, and door is opened towards paradise where he sees his abode morning and evening.

And when Allah takes away the soul of an unbeliever, Allah sends two angels with blankets which smells awful and worst than all the dirty things of the world and is hard and thorny. Angels say O evil soul! come out of the body and move towards the punishment of hell and angel of Allah. The soul leaves and smells awful. Angels stand in row at the corners of Heaven. They say glory be to Allah. There comes very evil soul from earth, let the door not be opened. Then it is thrown in the tomb and tomb is narrowed, and filled with cobras like the neck of a camel. They eat its flesh and bones. Then come angels who are dead to mercy and blind to sufferings. They have big rods to hit him with and they open the door towards hell.

This tradition is reported by Haunad bin Siri in

Kitabuz Zahd, by Abdur Rahman bin Hameed in his commentary, and Tibrani in Kabeer and all are good and correct.

144. It is reported by Ma'aviah that I heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) say in earlier times there was a wicked and evil man, used to sin in the night. He killed 97 persons innocently. Once he came out of his house and went to a place of worship and said to the worshipper, if a man kills 97 persons innocently is there a repentance for him? He said no, and he killed that worshipper also. Then he went to a second worshipper and asked the same question and got the same reply. He killed the worshipper also. Then he went to third worshipper, asked the same question, and got the same reply. He killed him also. Then he went to the fourth worshipper and asked the same question that a man did all sorts of sins and killed 100 men innocently. Is there a repentance and way out for him? The worshipper said if I say Allah will not forgive, I am a liar. In front is the place of worship where servants of Allah worship. You go there and also worship there with them. He was ashamed, repentant and went towards the place of worship. When he marched half way, the angel of death came to take his soul away. The angel of punishment and reward come and began to quarrel. Allah sent an angel for Judgement. Do not quarrel. From where he comes and where he goes, measure both places and count him in the nearby place. The angels measured the earth and found him one finger close to the place of worshippers. Allah forgave all his sins. Bukhari reports Allah ordered the earth and from where he came the earth increased and the earth decreased towards worshippers. This Hadith is also reported by Abu Umar, Miqdam bin Ma'ad Yakrab and Abu Hurairah.

145. It is reported by Abu Hurairah a believer's soul is not taken away unless he sees what pleases his heart.

When his soul is taken away it shouts take me faster to Allah audible to all animals in the house except humans and jins. When in the grave yard kept an a cot the dead says why take me slowly. When inside the tomb, the dead gets up and sees his place in the paradise and sees what Allah had promised him. His tomb is filled with perfumes, good things and musk. On looking this he says O my Lord! take me further to paradise. A voice comes from the unseen, wait a while, your brothers and sisters have not arrived yet. Sleep comfortably. Abu Hurairah say by Him who owns my life no one so satisfied could sleep so short and so sweet a sleep, when he wakes up it will be the day of Judgement and will see the rewards of his deeds.

146. It is reported by Robaey that we were four brothers, one of us Rabee used to pray a lot, fast a lot...people told me that your brother has died.

I came running and found him covered with a cloth. I sat near his head and recited subhanallah, Inna-lillah, Suddenly Rabe'e opened his face and said As-salamu Alaikum. We replied Wa'alaikumus Salam and said you talked after dying. He said, yes. I went to Allah and found his kind and pleased with great mercy and kindness on me, and clothed me with green dress made of silk of paradise. Beware! that the holy Prophet is waiting to pray funeral prayer on me, you hurry up and do not delay. Then he became quiet. There Rabee'e reported, lady Aesha said that heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) say that one man of my Ummah will speak after death-reported by Iman Baihiqi in Dalaeum Nubuwwah (Hadith) and said it is correct, there is no doubt about it.

147. It is reported by Aban bin Abi'Aayash that we went to Muwarraq'Ajali at the time of his death. When the soul was taken away and a cloth was covered then

we say a light wise from his head side go up to the ceiling to the Heaven, then from his foot side a similar light rose, then from his chest rose like that. We remained silent for sometime, then the deadbody lifted the cloth from his head and asked what did you see? We described what we saw. He said this is the light of such As-sijdah (surah 32) which I always read in night. The light from the head side was the light of first ten verse, the light from the foot side was last ten verses, and the light from the chest side was the light of verse of sajdah (prostration). These lights went up to Allah and recommended me. And surah Tabarakallazi (Mulk) that I used to read in night protected me. Then he became cold again. This tradition appears in the commentary by Joyebr.

148. It is reported by Muwarraq 'Ajali that we went to a person near death (unconscious). We saw a light come out from his heart, went up the ceiling-Another similar light that came out of his body? Yes, he said, the one from the head was the light of Alif Lam Meem Tanzeel, the light from the nowel was Surah As-Sijdah, and the one from my feet was last of Surah Sajdah. These three lights recommended me before Allah. And Surah Tabarakallazi protect me. I used to recite these Surah every night. This tradition appears by Ibne Abid-Duniya in his book Man 'Aashu ba'dal Maut. There is a similar report by Thabit bin Banni in life of Mutrif bin Abdullah. It is reported by Hurairah Ghaname that Robaii swore that he will not laugh until he sees his abode after death. He never laughed in his but laughed after death. Similarly his brother Rabee' swore that I will never laugh until I see my abode (paradise or hell). Hamith says I gave him the bath and he smiled all along.

149. It is reported by Mughir that a woman named Roohul died. When she was bathed and clothed, she

When his soul is taken away it shouts take me faster to Allah audible to all animals in the house except humans and jins. When in the grave yard kept an a cot the dead says why take me slowly. When inside the tomb, the dead gets up and sees his place in the paradise and sees what Allah had promised him. His tomb is filled with perfumes, good things and musk. On looking this he says O my Lord! take me further to paradise. A voice comes from the unseen, wait a while, your brothers and sisters have not arrived yet. Sleep comfortably. Abu Hurairah say by Him who owns my life no one so satisfied could sleep so short and so sweet a sleep, when he wakes up it will be the day of Judgement and will see the rewards of his deeds.

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I came running and found him covered with a cloth. I sat near his head and recited subhanallah, Inna-lillah, Suddenly Rabe'e opened his face and said As-salamu Alaikum. We replied Wa'alaikumus Salam and said you talked after dying. He said, yes. I went to Allah and found his kind and pleased with great mercy and kindness on me, and clothed me with green dress made of silk of paradise. Beware! that the holy Prophet is waiting to pray funeral prayer on me, you hurry up and do not delay. Then he became quiet. There Rabee'e reported, lady Aesha said that heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) say that one man of my Ummah will speak after death-reported by Iman Baihiqi in Dalaeum Nubuwwah (Hadith) and said it is correct, there is no doubt about it.

147. It is reported by Aban bin Abi'Aayash that we went to Muwaraq'AJali at the time of his death. When the soul was taken away and a cloth was covered then

we say a light wise from his head side go up to the ceiling to the Heaven, then from his foot side a similar light rose, then from his chest rose like that. We remained silent for sometime, then the deadbody lifted the cloth from his head and asked what did you see? We described what we saw. He said this is the light of such As-sijdah (surah 32) which I always read in night. The light from the head side was the light of first ten verse, the light from the foot side was last ten verses, and the light from the chest side was the light of verse of sajdah (prostration). These lights went up to Allah and recommended me. And surah Tabarakallazi (Mulk) that I used to read in night protected me. Then he became cold again. This tradition appears in the commentary by Joyebr.

148. It is reported by Muwarraq 'AJali that we went to a person near death (unconscious). We saw a light come out from his heart, went up the ceiling-Another similar light that came out of his body? Yes, he said, the one from the head was the light of Alif Lam Meem Tanzeel, the light from the nowel was Surah As-Sijdah, and the one from my feet was last of Surah Sajdah. These three lights recommended me before Allah. And Surah Tabarakallazi protect me. I used to recite these Surah every night. This tradition appears by Ibne Abid-Duniya in his book Man 'Aashu ba'dal Maut. There is a similar report by Thabit bin Banni in life of Mutrif bin Abdullah. It is reported by Hurairah Ghaname that Robaii swore that he will not laugh until he sees his abode after death. He never laughed in his but laughed after death. Similarly his brother Rabee' swore that I will never laugh until I see my abode (paradise or hell). Hamith says I gave him the bath and he smiled all along.

149. It is reported by Mughir that a woman named Roohul died. When she was bathed and clothed, she

began to move. We looked at her than she said congratulations what you were afraid of I found it easy, and that no one will enter paradise who cuts himself off from his relatives, who always drank alcohol, and who made partners with Allah.

150. It is reported by Bashir that I went to the city of Madina to a dead body. A block was kept on his abdomen and away people are sitting nearby. He suddenly jumped from the cot and all the people ran. I went near him and asked what was matter with him. He said in Kufa I used to go to some of people. They took me in their religion and I used to rebuke Abu Bakr and Umar with them. I asked him to report and not to do that again. He said can not benefit me now. Angel have taken me to hell and I have hell. The angels have given him leave for a while to inform of this his friend. Hell is your abode. He told and died.

151. It is reported by Ibne 'Askar that when Majidon died his son narrated that we gave him a bath and put him on the wooden cot, when the man support to give him a bath came, he found fire in motion between his two legs. We left him in the situation, until the fourth day he got up and said bring something to eat. He drank a syrup and we asked him to describe what happened to him. He said angels took away my soul until they arrived at the seventh Heaven. Somebody asked the angels who is there with you. They replied Majidon. He said his time has not yet come. He is to live so many years and months. Then they brought me down.

152. It is reported by Ibrahim Abdur Rehman that Abdur Rahman bin Auf because unconscious in his death bed. We thought he died, put a cloth on him and left. When he gave consciousness, he said two fierce angels came and said let's go, Allah will decide on you.

Then they not two other kind and sweet angels who asked them to leave him. He is a pious saint. He died after two months. This has been reported by Hakim in Mustadrak.

153. It is reported by Abu Qalabah that one of my nephews was an evil man. He became sick and remained ill for a long time. I did not go to see him. One day I was in the market, a thought came to me that he is my nephew, his Judgement is in the hands of Allah, I went to him and stayed all night. Suddenly I saw two black angels descend from the roof, each with a hammer. One of them said to the other to go him and see if he has any good deeds. He smelled the head and did not find Quran, he smelled the abdomen and did not find him fasting, smelled his feet and did not find him stand one prayer nor worked to the mosque for prayer. Then the other angel smelled his head, his abdomen, his feet and then said to his companion, he is in the Ummah of Mohammad (Sal-am) and he has not a single virtue of the virtue. He looked again, opened the mouth, prepared the tongue and said glory be to Allah, he once said Allah the Greatest in the city of Antakia with his heart its sweet smell comes out. Then these two angels stood outside the door and came the angel of death, and took away his soul. On departure the angel of death said to the two angels to find their way as they were not coming with them. In the morning Abu Qalabah told this event to the people who said he recited Allah-o-Akbar in Sakinah. Abu Qalabah said by God there is no one to be worshipped besides them, I heard the angels say that he has soul Allah-o-Akbar in Antakiah. Then people went for funeral prayers' this was narrated by Hakeem Tirmizi in Navadir.

154. It is reported by Abu Musa that I heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) when the dying person sees the angel of death, he does not recognize others.

155. It is reported by Fodhalah that I went to Mohammad bin Wasey when he was dying, suddenly he said congratulation, I smelled the angel of Lord so sweet that so good a smell I never found before. Then he looked towards the Heaven and died.

156. It is reported by hasan bin Salih that my brother Ali became sick. I stayed with him in the night. He asked me to give him water to drink. I was busy in prayers (Sal-am). When I was free, I took water to him. He said I have drunk water just now. I said there is none but me and you in this house. Who gave you water? He said Gabriel brought water and gave it to me and said you, your brother and your mother are among those rewarded by Allah (i.e. prophet, martyrs, good). Then he died.

157. It is reported by Mohammad bin Ali that when a man is near to his death then his good deeds and bad deeds are formally presented. He keeps looking at good deeds and bows his head when he looks at bad deeds. Hasan has said that the angels who record deeds they present good and bad deeds at the time of death. He is pleased with good deeds and makes funny faces with bad deeds. Allah has said in the holy Quran Yonabbaul insano yaumaezin bema qaddama wa akhkhar. A person will be told that day what he did earlier and what he did later. It is reported by Hanzala bin Aswad that when my master was dying then sometimes he covered his face and sometimes he opened his face. He did this many times. I described it to Mujahid, who said he has been reported that a believer does not die before his deeds are not presented. This is the happiness and unhappiness of that.

158. It is reported by Salman Farsi that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) went to a helper (Ansari) at the time of his death. He enquired how was he? He replied, I am

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160. It is reported by Ebadah bin Samit that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said whoever likes the meeting with Allah. Allah likes to meet him also. And whoever dislikes meeting with Allah, Allah dislikes to meet him also. On this lady Aesha said we dislike death and death is the source of meeting with Allah, then we dislike meeting with Allah. So what will happen to us there. He said, O Aesha! it is not like this. When the angel of death comes to a believer, he tells him that Allah is pleased with him and is going to reward him and forgive him, then he does not like anything more than the hereafter and meeting with Allah. And Allah also likes to meet him. But when the angel of death comes to an unbeliever, he gives the news of Allah's

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punishment, nothing, makes him more unhappy than the hereafter, he dislikes meeting with Allah, and Allah also dislikes meeting with him. There is similar report by Abdur Rahman bin Abi Laila also.

161. It is reported by Ibne Jarir that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said to lady Aesha that a believer sees the angels at the time of his death and they ask would you like to go back to the earth. He replies you say I go back to the place of troubles and affliction. Take me to Allah. But when they ask an unbeliever to send him to earth, he says yes, so that I do good deeds which I have not done so far.

162. It is reported by Ans bin Malik that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when the angel of death comes to a saint or friend of Allah he says salam (peace be with you o friend of Allah!), you have discarded the earthly abode. Leave it now and come towards the hereafter which you have adopted. Let's go there. If the dying person is not a friend of Allah, he says you preferred the earthly abode.

163. It is reported by Ibne Masood that when Allah wishes to take away a believer's soul then he tells the angel of death to go to him with salam from Allah. When the angel of death comes and says salam from his Lord, then it leaves the body with pleasure to meet Him.

164. It is reported by Abu Saeed that I heard my father say, I saw in some books written that Alla writes by His power on the fore arm of the angel of death by letters of light Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem and orders to show it to a servant at the time of his death. When the soul sees that it instantly goes towards Allah. This is narrated by Hafiz Salafi in his book "Mashekhah Baghdad"

165. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that when Allah orders the angel of death to take away the souls of sinners of this Ummah, He tells him to take the revenge of the evil and then give the good news of paradise.

166. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy prophet (Sal-am) said don't you see that when a man dies his eyes remain open. Then companions said yes O messenger of Allah. He said when the angel of death takes it away towards the heaven, The eyes keep looking at the soul.

167. It is reported by Sufyan Toori that when the angel of death catches hold of the jugular vein then his tongue is shut and he does not recognize any body, and forgets the world and whatever is in the world. If the pain of death was not there, he would have killed everyone with a sword.

168. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said whoever recites Durood sharif on me a 1000 times on Friday, he will see his place in paradise before death. There are many Hadith on this subject.

In conclusion, these Hadiths show that the angel of death exhibits kind and loving behaviour and beautiful forms in which to come which creates love to see Allah. This is the situation with every Muslim but the behaviour with unbehaviours is the opposite of it.



Chapter 11.

Earlier dead souls visit the new dead soul and enquire from him.

(169-174)

169. It is reported by Abu Ayub Ansari that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when a believer's soul is taken away souls of good Muslims come to visit him, as in the world people bringing good news are greeted. Then they talk among themselves to give him some time to recover, he was in great trouble before. Then they ask what happened to him? Did he get married? When they ask about somebody who died he says he died before me. The souls say inna lillahi wa inna ilaihe rajعون! he got a place in the lower abode. It is a very bad place. Then he said that all your deeds are shown to your dead relatives and friends. They are pleased if your deeds are good. They say O Allah! this is your mercy and blessing, give more to him and let him die on this state. His bad deeds are also shown. They say O Allah! give him good deeds by which you are pleased.

170. It is reported by Labeebah that Bishr died. His mother was very sad and grieved and often used to cry. One day she came to the holy Prophet (Sal-am) and said often people of my family die, so do their souls recognize each other, and if they recognize can I send salam to Bishr? He said yes they recognize just like birds on a tree know each other and swore to that effect. When any ill person in the family of Bishr came near dying, she used to go and say salam to her son Bishr.

171. It is reported by Mohammad Munkadar that I went to Jabir bin Abdullah who was dying. I asked him

to say my salam to the holy Prophet (Sal-am). In another report when Abu Qatadah died then after 15 days his daughter Ummaul Baneen came to Abdullah bin Anees and he was ill. She said O uncle! say my salam to my father. It has been recorded by Imama Bukhari.

172. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when a believer dies and sees the goods of paradise, his soul wants to come out quickly and Allah wants to see him too. A believer's soul goes to Heaven and believers' soul come to greet him and meet him and ask how are his friends. He replies that one is still in the world, then they are pleased. And if the reply is that one died then they are sorry that he did not come to them. Even if there is a cat in the house, they enquire about it.

173. It is reported by Andur Rahman bin Mahdi that when Sufyan became seriously ill he was worried and became impatient. Marhoom bin Abdul Aziz came to him and said why so much impatience? You will go to the Lord Whose worship you have done for 60 years, fasted every day and prayed every day, and performed Hajj. If you have been nice to someone and go to meet him, won't you expect him to be nice to you also. Then he became patient and was satisfied.

It is reported by Abu Naeem that when Hasan became sick, he was worried. One person said why this impatience? If your soul was taken away, you will meet your parents Ali and Fatimah, your grandfather Mohammad (Sal-am), your grand-mother lady Khadija, your uncle Hamzah and Abbas, your uncle Qasim, Tyeb, Tahir, and Ibrahim, and your aunties Ruqaiya, Kulthoom and Zainab. Then he was pleased and satisfied

174. It is reported that Ali had two believer friends

and two un-believer friends. When one believer died and he was given the good news of paradise, he remembered his friend and said O Allah! my friend used to order me at your worship and obedience of the holy Prophet, invite to goodness, and show him the right path, show him what You have shown me and be pleased with him as You are pleased with me. When the second friend died, their souls gather together in the same place and one says to the other you are good friend and good brother.

When one un-believer died and he was shown the hell, he remembered his friend and said O Allah! my friend used to order to disobey you and the holy Prophet (Sal-am), invite towards evil and prevent towards goodness, and used to say that we will meet together. O Allah! keep him astray, show him what You have shown me, have wrath on him as have Your wrath on me. When the other un-believer dies, their souls get together and one says to the other you are an evil partner and friend.



Chapter 12.

The dead soul sees his washing man and his dressing man. He hears everything said about him when carrying his dead body, and angels accompany him.

(175-184)

175. It is reported by Abu Saeed Khudri that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that the dead body recognizes the person who washes. Who clothes and who puts it down in the grave. There is a similar report by Mujahid, Abdur Rahman and Umaro bin Deenar.

176. It is reported by Bakr bin Abdullah that when body dies, his soul remains in the hand of the angel of death and watches everything done in washing and clothing. If it could speak it would have told people not to cry and shout.

177. It is reported by Abdur Rahman bin Abi Laila that the soul remains in the hand of an angel. When the body goes to graveyard, the angel also moves along. When somebody talks nice about the dead, the angel tells him to listen what is being said about him. When inside the tomb and earth being sprinkled above it, the angel leaves the soul in the tomb.

178. It is reported by Anas that in the battle of Badar, when un-believers were killed and dropped in the well then the holy Prophet (Sal-am) stood on the

well and said Oh you son of you have you seen the truth of the promise that the Lord made with you. We found it true the promise that our Lord made with us. Umar said O holy Prophet (Sal-am) you talk to someone who has no soul in their body. Why? he replied they hear better than you what I say but have no power to reply.

179. It is reported by Ubaid bin Marzooq that there was a woman in Medina who used to sweep in the holy Prophet's mosque. When she dies people buried her and the holy Prophet (Sal-am) was unaware. One day he passed by her tomb and enquired whose was that. The companions replied it belongs to that lady. The holy Prophet asked one who used to sweep in the mosque. People said yes! He made rows of prayer and every body prayed funeral prayer on her. Then he asked her what deed was the best. People said O Prophet (sal-am) will she listen to you? He replied better than you! Then the woman replied sweeping the mosque was the best deed that I found.

180. It is reported by Abu Saeed Khudri that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when you carry the body on your neck, if he is good he says hurry up and if he is not good he says sorry where are you taking me? Except humans and jinn everybody listens his voice. If humans would have listened they would have screamed.

181. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said take the dead body quickly. If he is good take him quickly to goodness, otherwise remove the burden on your neck. There is a report by Abu Bakr mazni saying that he has heard a believer is pleased by fast locomotion. It is reported by Ayub that it is miracle of the dead person to reach the tomb quickly.

182. It is reported by Umar that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said the dead body is carried upto three steps in the coffin then he says O may brothers! those who

walk for me be aware let the world not deceive you as it did to me, the time may not keep you busy in play as it did to me, what ever I earned I left it for my inheritors, and Allah will have judgement on me for a penny. You will also come after me. This is narrated by Ibne Abid-Duniya in Kitabul Quboor.

183. It is reported by Ibne Masood that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that Prophet David asked the Lord what is the reward of the person who walks with the dead body? He was told O David! his reward will be that when he dies my angels will walk behind his body and I will be Merciful to his soul. There is a similar report by Abu Khuld.

184. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said ;angels walk in front of the body and talk about what did he do for the hereafter? and people who walk say what inheritance did he leave?

Chapter 13.

On the death of a believer, the Heavens and the earth weep.

(185-188)

185. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said for every human there are two doors in the Heaven. From one door his good deeds go up and from the second door his sustenance comes down. Hence when a believer dies both these doors weep on him.

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187. It is reported by Sharih Hadharmi that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when a believer dies in travel and there is no one to weep on him then on him weep the Heavens and the earth. He read this verse : fama bakat alaihimus samaao wal ard, and then he said these do not weep on the death of an unbeliever. Mujahid reports that on the death of a believer the Heavens and earth weep for 40 days. According to Ata Khurasani the places where a believer has prayed and offered prostration all

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Chapter 14.
A person is buried in the
same soil from which he has
been created.
(189-195)

189. It is reported by Abu Saeed that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) was going in Medina somewhere. On the way he saw a group of people digging a grave. He asked for whom was the grave dug. People replied a person from Ethiopia has come and died here. He said La ilaha illallah, the soil has brought him from which he was born. This report comes from many narrators. And Hilal bin Yasaf has said whoever is born has in his navel soil from the place of death.

190. It is reported by Ibne Masood that the angel appointed for the baby in the abdomen asks Allah about the embryo will a baby be born from it? If the answer is yes, then he asks O my Lord! how much sustenance will he receive? On what part of the earth will he go? How old will he get? How are his deeds? Allah will order him to look into the record book (Lauhe Mahfooz). The angel looks in the record book and finds his sustenance, travels on earth, age, deeds etc., then in which soil it is going to be buried, he takes the soil and mixes it with the embryo and makes the shape of baby. this is the meaning of the verse: Minha khalaqnakum wa feeha noeedukum (i.e. We created you from this soil and will take you back into it). There is another report by Ibne Masood when it is ordered that a baby will be born then the angel asks boy or girl, good or bad, how old will he be? Where will he travel? How much sustenance? Where

will he die? Then he is ordered to look into the record book, there everything is written about the embryo. The angel examines the record book and asks the embryo, who is your Lord? He replies Allah. Who is the sustainer? He replies Allah. This way he asks the seven questions and he replies Allah in every case. Then the baby is born. then he lives among his people, eats his sustenance, walks on earth and dies at the time of death, then he is buried in the same soil. This report comes by Hakeem Tirmizi in Nawadirul Usool.

191. It is reported by Matar bin 'Atamis that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when Allah orders the angel of death to take away the soul of that servant in that soil then he needs to go to that place.

192. It is reported by Abu Hurairah and Ibne Masood that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said bury your dead in between good people. This is because the dead are troubled by bad neighbours just as the living person wants to avoid bad ;neighbours due to trouble received from them.

193. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when somebody dies among your gives him good clothes, take him quickly, dig deep grave and keep him away from bad neighbours. The companions asked if good neighbours were useful in the hereafter also. he asked is it useful in this world? Everybody said yes. He said similarly it is in the hereafter.

194. It is reported by Abdullah Mazni ;that a person died in Medina and was buried there. Somebody saw in dream that he is being punished. Then on the seventh or eighth day saw him in paradise. he asked the reason. He replied a good man was buried here after me. he recommended to Allah 40 persons from among his neighbours and I was one of them which Allah accpeted.

195. It is reported by Anas that there is an angel appointed on the people who accompany the dead, when they return the angel throws a handful of soil from the tomb and says go back to your world, may you forget the dead. They forget the dead and get involved in their wordly affairs as if the dead was not one of them. this is narrated in Masnadul Firdaus. There is a report by Imbe Abbas that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said Allah has appointed an angel in the graveyard, when the people return after burial he throws a handful of soil from the tomb and says return to your world and forget about your dead.



Chapter 15.

What you should say at the time of burial and to the dead body.

(196-202)

196. It is reported by Ali that when the body reaches the grave and people sit, you do not sit but keep standing near the grave and say Bismillahe wa ala millati Rasoolillah when the body enters the grave. O Allah! your servant goes to you, you are his host, he left the world behind, you make his hereafter better than the world as you have said whatever is with Me is better for the good.

197. It is reported by Ibne Umar that I heard the holy prophet (Sal-am,) say when one of your dies do not be late and take him quickly to the grave and read Surah Baquarah first few verses towards the head and last few verses towards the feet. Abdur Rahman bin Ala told his son at death when you put me in the grave say Bismillahe wa ala millati Rasoolillah. Then put the soil and recite towards the head Surah Baqarah first few verses and last few verses (towards the feet) because I have heard the holy Prophet (Sal-am) say so.

In conclusion after preparing the tomb read from Alameem till Muflihoon towards the head and from Aamanar Rasool till the end towards the feet. These verses protect the tomb and recommend the dead.

198. It is reported by Khasimah that people knew it good (Mustahab) that they say Bismillahe wa fee saheelillahe wa ala millate Rasoolillahe when they bury

a dead O Allah protect him from the punishment of tomb and hell, protect him from the evil of the devil, widen and enlighten his tomb, and let him meet the holy Prophet (Sal-am).

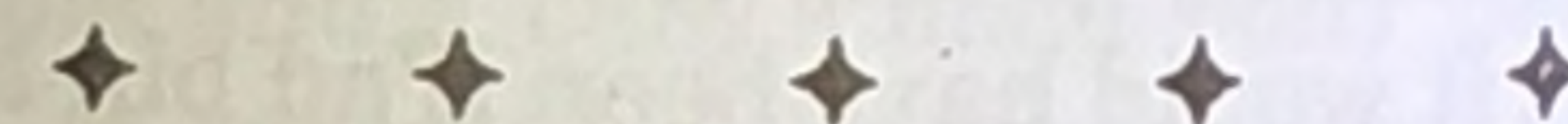
199. It is reported by Abu Amumah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when one of your brother dies then prepare his tomb and stand near the head and say O him son of him then the dead will listen and not reply. Then say him son of him, the dead will sit down. Then say him son of him then the dead will say what do you want to say, say it? Now say remember what you were on the earth: witness of La ilaha illallah, allah is your Lord, Islam is your religion, Mohammed (Sal-am) is your Prophet and Quran is your Imam. At that time Munkar and Nakeer hold each others hand and say let's go from here. He has been taught the statement of the hereafter. And Allah takes his statement. Forst take the name of the dead and then his mother's name. One person asked what if we don't know the name of the mother? He replied take the name of Eve in the place. This report appears by Tibrani in Kabeer.

200. It is reported by Abu Amamah Bahili that he said when I die and you bury me then one man should stand near my head and say O Sada ibne 'Ajlan remember what you believed in the world i.e. witness La laha illallah, Mohammadur Rasoolallah. Sada is the name of Abu Amamah. It is reported by Rashid, Zameerah and Hakeem when you plan on returning after preparing the tomb, it is good to stand by the tomb and say three times to the dead, O him! you say La ilaha illallah, Mohammadur rasoolullah, my Lord is Allah, my religion is Islam and my Prophet is Mohammad (peace be upon him).

201. It is reported by Aajeri that it is good (Mustahab) that keep standing for a while after burial.

And pray facing towards the Qiblah and back towards the dead, o Allah! this is Your servant, You know him well and we know he has done good deeds, now you have seated him for questioning, keep him steady fast on the witness of the hereafter as you kept him firm in the world. O Allah have mercy on him, give him the company of the Prophet (Sal-am) and do not let us go astray; and let us have his reward.

202. It is reported by Tirmizi that praying standing by the tomb helps the dead.



Chapter 16.

"Dhaghtae Qabr" or pressing of the tomb. (203-216)

203. It is reported by Huzaifah that we accompanied a dead body with the holy Prophet (Sal-am). When we reached the tomb, he began looking inside the tomb and said that a believer feels pressing of the tomb so strongly that the bones of his neck, chest and ribs are crushed and for an unbeliever fire is filled in there. he said there is surely pressing of the tomb. Had anyone escaped that it would have been S'ad bin Ma'az.

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205. It is reported by Anas that the holy Prophet's (Sal-am) daughter Zainab died and we took her body. He was very sad and worried. He sat by the grave and looked at the sky. Then he entered the grave and became more sad. After a while he became happy and smiled. We asked the reason for this. he replied that I remembered the pressing of the tomb and Zainab's weakness. I prayed to Allah for ease and Allah made it

easy. Even then from east to west all living creatures heard the noise except humans and jinn. There is a similar report by Ibne Umar for his daughter.

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210. It is reported by Raqashi that when a dead body is put in the tomb, then his deeds surround him from all sides and say, you are lone in the tomb, your householders and friends have all left, now I am your only partner.

211. It is reported by Ata that when the body is put in the grave, the first thing to approach is his deeds. The deed will hold his leg and shake and say I am your deed. The dead will enquire about his householders, sons, relatives, servants? It will say you left behind your householders, children and wife, servants and now I am your only partner. The dead will say it would have been better if I had adopted you instead of them, since now you are my only partner.

212. It is reported by Abul Qasim S'adiin his book "Ar-Rooh" that no believer will escape the pressing of the tomb. The difference is that an un-believer has it permanently and a believer only when he goes in the tomb for a while and then it widens considerably. It is reported by Subki in his book "Bahrul Kalam" that a good believer will not be punished in the tomb. He will be pressed for a while because he ate Allah's blessings and did not thank Him adequately.

213. It is reported by Hakeem Tirmizi that the reason for the pressing of the tomb is to take the revenge for sins (even the very good believer does some sin sometimes). After this Allah's mercy and blessings come to his rescue. S'ad bin Ma'az was pressed in the tomb because he was a bit careless in cleaning after urination. Prophets and messengers of Allah are free and exempt from the questioning of Munkar and Nakeer and pressing of the tomb. They are innocent.

214. The dead who lies above the ground after death and is not buried, eaten by animals or left to rot, hanged for many days they are pressed by air rather than soil.

Allah has kept it hidden from our eyes but air pressed hard breaks their bones. This is like we don't see angels and devils.

215. The learned scholars have said whoever commits sins is forgiven:

- (1) He repents and Allah accepts the repentance.
- (2) He seeks forgiveness from sins and Allah forgives him.
- (3) He does good deeds after bad deeds and the bad deeds are removed from the record.
- (4) He is put into trouble and illness in the world and they remove the sins.
- (5) He is pressed in the tomb so as to take care of sins in Barzakh instead of the hereafter.
- (6) Other Muslims pray for him and for the forgiveness of his sins.
- (7) His householders, children, friends, and other believers do some good or charitable deeds and let him have the reward.
- (8) In the place of Judgement where the day will be 50,000 years long, his sins are forgiven because of fear and anxiety.
- (9) He receives recommendations of the Holy Prophet (Sal-am).
- (10) Allah forgives him because of His mercy.

216. It is reported by Abdullah bin Shakheer that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said one who recites Qul huwallaho Ahad in the illness in which he dies, he will not be punished in the tomb, he will not be pressed in the tomb and on the day of Judgement the angels will carry him over the bridge of Sirat to the door of paradise.



Chapter 17.

The conversation of the tomb with the dead.

(217-223)

217. It is reported by Abu Saeed that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said to remember what is to destroy all the pleasures of the world (death), because the tomb says every day you will leave your home and come here. I am a house of loneliness, there are snakes, scorpions and insects inside me. And when a believer is buried then the tomb says you are welcome, of all the people that used to walk on the earth, you were good, now you have come to me and at my disposal, now see my kindness. The earth will be widened and the door to paradise will be opened. And when an evil person or an unbeliever is buried, the tomb says to him you are welcome, you were worst among those who used to walk on me, now you have come to me, I will show what I can do. At that time the tomb will be narrowed and break all his bones, and Allah will appoint 70,000 cobras who will bite him till the day of Judgement. If one of the cobras blow on earth, no tree or grass will grow there. Then said the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) tomb is a garden of paradise or a pit of hell. There is a similar report by Abu Hurairah also.

218. It is reported by Abu Hajjaj Thamali that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when the dead is kept in the soil (of tomb), the tomb says to him did not you know I am the house of punishment. I am dark room, home of insects and bugs. O son of Adam you were badly

mistaken and used to walk on me with pride. If the dead is good then the angel asks on his behalf; what if he is good, invited people to goodness and prevented from evil will you then punish him. The tomb will reply, I will become a green garden for him, his body will be made of light and his soul will go towards Allah.

219. It is reported by Abdullah Bin Umair that the tomb says loudly to the dead body, I am a dark room, I am a house of loneliness, if you were obedient to Allah in your life then I am merciful to you, and if you were disobedient to Allah then I am punishment for you. I am that house if obedient person to Allah comes inside me, he will get up pleased on the day of Judgement. And if a disobedient servant comes inside me he will get up ruined on the day of Judgement. There is a similar report by Bilal S'ad and Bara bin 'Azib.

220. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said O people! look after your tomb. This is because the tomb says every day 7 times O children of Adam! you are weak and can not bear my sufferings. Be kind to yourself in life, if you are kind to yourself before coming inside me then you will escape my punishment.

221. It is reported by Mohammad bin Sabeeh that when a dead body is placed in the tomb and it is punished then his neighbours among the dead say O man! your brother died before your, you remained alive and did not learn a lesson from them, and we also passed away before your and you did not improve your deeds. Then the graveyard will say the world deceived before you and before your death showed them the way to graveyard, and you saw them take away and bury in the tomb. His friends and relatives kept weeping. O ignorant! why did you not learn a lesson from him. Your weeping and crying won't do you any good today.

222. It is reported by Sufyan Thoori that one who keeps remembering the tomb for him the tomb will become a garden of paradise. And one who is unaware of the tomb his tomb will be a pit of hell.

223. Anas bin Malik reports that nobody has seen or heard two days and two nights: the day when the angel brings good news or news of punishment from your Lord will be a pit of hell.

223. Anas bin Malik reports that nobody has seen or heard two days and two nights: the when the angel brings good news or news of punishment from your Lord to you; the day when you will stand before your Lord and he will give you your deed sheets in the right hand; the first night when the dead sleeps in his tomb, the like of which he has not slept before; and the night next to which is the day of Judgement, after which there is no night. This is reported by Imam Baihiqi in Sh'obul Iman.



Chapter 18.

Punishment in the tomb and Munkar Nakeer angel's interrogation.

(224-238)

There are numerous Hadith concerning punishment in the tomb and interrogation by Munkar and Nakeer and all of their narrators are good and strong, such as Anas bin Malik, Tamyam Dari, Bashir bin Kamal, Thoban, Jabir, Abdullah Bin Rawaha, Ibadah Bin Samit, Huzaifah, Dhamrah Bin Habeed, Ibne Abbas, Ibne Umar, Ibne mascod, Uthman Bin Affan, Ummar Binul Khattab, Umro Binul Aas, Ma'az Abu Saeed Khudri, Abu Qatadah, Abu Hurairah, Abu Musa, Asma and lady Aesha (peace be upon them_.

224. It is reported by Jabir Bin Abdullah that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when the dead believer is buried he feels as if the sun is about to set. He sits down, rubs his both eyes as if he has awakened from sleep. Nakeerain (Munkar and Nakeer) question him and he replies don't talk to me I have yet to pray Asr (salat).

225. It is reported by Jabir bin Abdullah that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said the children of Adam are unaware of what they are created for. When Allah decided to create him he ordered the angel to write his sustenance, his coming and going, his age, his being good or bad and the angel writes all these and goes. Then Allah sends another angel on him to protect him

till puberty. When he becomes adult, he leaves, and Allah appoints two angels on him to record his good deeds and bad deeds. When the time for death comes then both these leave and angel of death comes and take away his soul. When he is buried then his soul is returned to the body and two angels of the tomb, Munkar and Nakeer come to question him and they leave afterwards. When the day of Judgement comes the angels who recorded good and bad deeds come and will open the deed sheets hanging on his neck. One angel pulls from the front and other angels pushes from behind and take him to the place of Judgement. After that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said, ahead of you is coming such a big task that you can not imagine. You should ask Allah to help you.

226. It is reported by Ibadah Bin Samit that whoever gets up for Tahajjud (late night prayer) he should offer the prayer a bit loud. The loud voice removes the evil devils and jinn and the angels in the house or above listen carefully and accompany him in the prayer. When morning comes this night recommends the next night to wake him up in the night for Tahajjud and be nice to him this way every night recommends the next night for Tahajjud and be nice to him. This way every night recommends the next night until the time of his death comes then Quran stands by the head. When washing and clothing is done Quran comes between chest and clothes. When buried and Munkar and Nakeer come then Quran comes between the dead and Munkar and Nakeer. The two angels say get aside, we wish to question him. He says by Allah I will never leave him until he enters the paradise. If you have any order from Allah then carry out the orders. Then Quran looks towards the dead the says do you recognize me? He says I do not. He says I am Quran, you followed me, I awakened you in the night and kept

you hungry and thirsty (for fasting) in the day and didn't let you fulfil your selfish desires, and protected your ears and eyes. You will find me best of all friends and best brother of all brothers. You be pleased, you have nothing to fear from Munkar and Nakeer. Then Munkar and Nakeer will leave. Quran will go to the Lord and ask for things of comfort for the dead: He will be allowed to take them. Then he will accompany 1,000 angels to the grave with floor from paradise, light, perfumes, flowers etc. The floor will be put in the tomb, flows by his chest and turn the dead to the right side and the angels will go to the heaven, and Quran will widen the tomb as far as Allah wishes. This Hadith is reported by Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal Abu Khathimah and earlier authorities. There is a similar report by Abu Ma'az.

227. It is reported by Umar Binul Khattab that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said to me O Umar! what will happen to you when you go in four hands deep tomb and see Munkar and Nakeer. He asked who are Munkar and Nakeer? He replied angels in the tomb for questioning, who will come through the earth making room by their teeth, their voice will be like lightning and their eyes like lightning. These two will seat you in the grave, frighten you, and they will have a huge rod of iron. they will examine you and if you will not reply, they will beat you up into ashes. Umar asked O Holy Prophet (Sal-am) will my senses and brain working? He punishment replied yes. He said then there is nothing to worry about. I will suffice them.

228. It is reported in Muslim by Umrao Binul 'Aas that he said at the time of his death that after his burial stay near the tomb until you slaughter and distribute a camel, so that I feel comfortable because of you and may happily reply to the angels of tomb.

It is reported by Abu Raafe' that I went to Jannatul Baqee' (Medina's graveyard) with the Holy Prophet (Sal-am), I was walking behind him and there was no one else. He said you didn't receive guidance and went astray. I said O holy Prophet (Sal-am)! Why did I go astray? He said I did not say it to you, but to the dead of the tomb. The Nakeerain were questioning him and enquired about me. He said, I did not know. Abu Rafe' says there was a new tomb in which a dead was buried and water was sprinkled above it.

229. It is reported by lady Aesha that a Jewish woman came begging at my door and asked for food and said may Allah save you from the trouble of Dajjal (Anti-Christ) and the punishment of tomb. I let her wait for a while until the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) came. I said she says may Allah protect you from the trouble of Dajjal and punishment of the tomb. He raised both hands and prayed for safety from Dajjal and punishment of the tomb. Then he said Dajjal's such a trouble that all Prophets have warned their nations and I warn my Ummah also and tell you a not told by others: he is one-eyed, the right eye is missing and on his forehead is written K U F R. Every believer will see it and read it. And the trouble of tomb is that every believer will be tested and there will be a question about me. A good believer will get up satisfied, then he will be asked what was your religion. He will reply I was on Islam. Then he will be asked who was this person among you. He will reply Mohammad Holy Prophet of Allah (Sal-am). The rest of it is as in earlier numbers, for believer and unbeliever.

230. It is reported by Sufyan Thoori when the dead is questioned who is your Lord? The devil comes from a side and points towards him that he is your Lord. That is why the holy Prophet prayed at the time of burial,

Allahumma ajirho minash Shaitan (O Allah protect him from the devil). Had the devil not come there, he would not have prayed like this. Ibne Shaheen in Kitabul sunnat has reported from Rashi that the Holy prophet (Sal-am) used to say learn the statement of the tomb very well as you will be asked about it. Ansars used to teach a dying person the statement, when somebody asks you who is your Lord? You say Allah is my Lord. And when somebody asks you what is your religion? You say Islam is my religion. And when somebody asks you who is your Prophet? You say Mohammad (Sal-am) is my Prophet.

231. It is reported by Sahl Bin Ammar that I saw Yazeed bin Haroon after his death in dream and asked what happened with you? Two hard-hearted fierce angels came and asked who is your Lord? What is your religion? and who is your Prophet? I held my grey beard and said you ask me like that and I have been teaching the statement for 80 years to others, then the two angels left.

232. It is reported by Ala Bin Abdul Karm that a man died and he had a brother whose vision was weak. His brother reported that we buried him and when every body went I put my head on the tomb and tried to listen somebody saying inside who is your Lord? What is your religion? and who is your Prophet? I clearly heard my brother's voice saying (or replying) my Lord is Allah, my religion is Islam and my Prophet is Mohammad (Sal-am). Then I felt two men coming out of the grave hair of my body became erect and I returned home there is a similar report by Abul Hasan. And Ibne Najjar in his history has reported from Abul Qasim, the commentator that we had a teacher who used to teach us. He had a friend who died. My teacher saw him in dream and asked what hapened with you? He replied that he forgave me. Then I asked what hapened with

Munkar and Nakeer? He said they seated me and asked who is your Lord? What is your religion? and who is your Prophet? It came to my mind that I said I give you the name of Abu Bakr and Umar and ask you to leave me, One angel then said to the other that he gave important names let us leave him. then they both left me. This report appears in Tahzibul Athar by Ibne Jareer.

233. It is reported by Mohammad bin Nasr that my father was very fond of praying funeral prayers, any friend or stranger who died he was sure to pray for him. He told me once I went with a dead body and when we were burying it two souls entered the grave, one left and one remained. Every body began throwing soil and I cried O people you are burying a living with a dead. People said there is no one alive there. I said may be I am mistaken. Then I said to myself surely two souls entered which I saw for sure, one left and one remained. When people left after burial I remained there so that may be Allah will open the secret to me. I recited Surah Yaseen 10 times and Surah Tabarakallazi ten times and prayed to Allah to tell me the secret, I am bewildered and I have doubt in my religion also, suddenly the tomb opened and a man walked away quickly. I said on man I swear you by Allah to wait a minute, I have something to ask you. He did not pay attention. So I called him two or three times then he said you name is Nasr? I said yes. He said you do not recognize me. I said no. He said we both are angels of mercy appointed by Allah on a person who follows the Sunnah of the Prophet (Sal-am) and die, we both go to his tomb and teach the statement of tomb. Then he disappeared.

234. In most reports two angels are mentioned for questioning and in some one. Some reports suggest after burial when people return they question and in some

report they question before that. This is due to the differences in the deeds to the people. One who has sinned more is questioned after every body has gone in loneliness so that it may be hard for him. And they question before people leave so that there is less fright. One who has done more good deeds only one angel comes to question him. Some learned scholars have said that two come but only one questions.

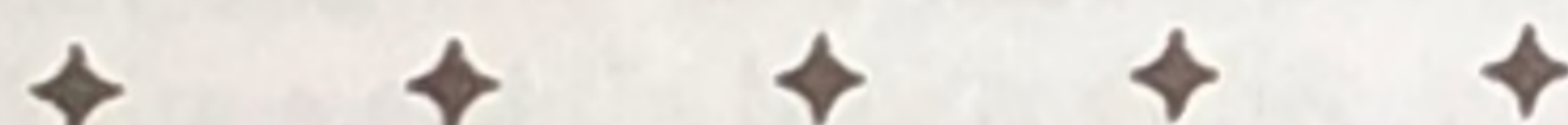
235. One who dies in the forest or field and not buried is also to be questioned, he is punished or rewarded but Allah has concealed all this from the eye. Just like angels or devils are concealed from the eyes. Soul is put in the body but we can not recognize its life, just like an unconscious man or a diseased person is alive but we can know it's living. He has pressing of the tomb, the air between earth and heaven presses him and we do not know this. One who has faith believes in all these things. Allah raised all the souls from the back of Adam on the Meeting day and they all agreed that Allah is the Lord and You are the Lord. Just as that is a part of faith, this is a part of faith. It is essential to believe in it.

236. Munkar and Nakeer are different from all other living creatures, neither like men nor angels, nor animals but a new kind of shape, unlike all others. They have no affection. One will lose senses on the slight of them but these angels will become kind in front of believers, and a believer will not be frightened.

237. When the soul is put into the body for questioning the dead is alive, but not such as to require walking, eating etc., but another kind of life, not like this life in which the Munkar and Nakeer question him. Take an example, there is a life in a living person and another life in a sleeping person which is not death. Similarly, there is a life after the soul is put back and it

is in between life on earth just like sleep is a thing in between life and death. This life exists even if the body is rotten, broken to pieces or blown in the air.

238. Whoever drank alcohol or died drunk, he will enter the tomb drunk, will see the Nakeerain drunk and when senses are not right, he would not understand the question and would not be able to reply. It is reported by Anas is Abul Gazl Toosi that the Holy prophet (Sal-am) said : Man faaraqad Dunya wa huwa sakrano dakhala qabra wa huwa sakrano (who leaves the earth drunk will enter the tomb while drunk).



Chapter 19.

Those dead who will not be interrogated in the tomb.

(239-248)

239. It is reported by Abul Qasim S'adi in Kitabur Rooh that true Hadith narrates that some dead may not be punished in the tomb nor will Munkar and Nakeer come to them. These are of three kinds. One, they have done such good deeds that Allah has removed the punishment of tomb and questioning of Munkar and Nakeer, such as died as a martyr in Jihad. Two, death was so hard for them that in its reward the punishment and questioning was forgiven. Three, those who died on a Friday night or day when there is no punishment and questioning.

240. It is reported by Abu Ayub in Nisai that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said one who fought with bravery in Jihad and either became a martyr or killed the enemy will not be punished in the tomb.

241. It is reported by Salman that I heard the holy prophet (Sal-am) say in Jihad in the fight with enemy staying one day in the area of Darul Islam is better than one month's fasting and one month's night worship. If he died his usual good deeds will always be written in his deed sheets and he will get his sustenance from Allah for ever and he will be safe from the questioning of Nakeerain.

242. It is reported by Fadhalah bin Ubaid that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when a man dies then all his good deeds are finished or the angels put a seal on his

deed sheets and keep it in Illiyeen and do not write anything in it. But someone who stays in Jihad ready to fight with the enemy of Islam, if he dies then his good deeds keep increasing till the day of Judgement and angels will keep writing in his deed sheets and he will be safe from the trouble of the tomb. Abu Hurairah further reports that he will get his sustenance from paradise and he will be safe from the troubles of the day of Judgement.

243. It is reported in Nisi that one person asked the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) what is the reason that every believer will be questioned in the tomb and some will be punished also but a martyr will neither be questioned nor punished? He replied the sword on his head is sufficient, there is no need for questioning or punishment.

244. It is reported by Ibne Masood that whoever recites Surah Tabarakallazi once a night he will be safe from the punishment of the tomb, and whoever recites this verse : *Inni Aamanto birabbimku fashmaoon*, then Allah eases the questioning of Munkar and Nakeer on him. And K'ab reports we have seen in Torah one who recites Tabarakallazi every day, he will be safe from the punishment of tomb.

245. It is reported by Ibne Umar that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said a believer who dies on a Friday or Friday night, Allah will save him from the punishment of tomb.

246. It is reported by Ata bin Yasar that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said a Muslim man or woman who dies on a day on Friday or a night on Friday, he will be safe from the punishment of the tomb and the questioning of the Nakeerain, and he will not be judged on the day of Judgement, and his deeds will point out towards his being a man or woman paradise.

247. Small children who die, there is difference of opinion concerning their questioning in the tomb, Some scholars have said that Nakeerain will question them. Qartabi has written that at the time of questioning Allah gives them full intellect and intelligence and Allah tells them the answers to all the questions as well Joweebar says that a six day old baby of Dhahaak Bin Mazahim died. He said when you put my son in the tomb open his face and untire the clothes, because he will be questioned while seated. Joyabr asked will he be questioned when he has done to sins? He replied on the day of Meethaq Allah raised all the souls on the back of Adam and questioned about. His being the Lord, the Worshipped and all agreed. Children will be asked about this agreement. And some scholars have said it is true that children will not be questioned. This is because one should be questioned who understands and who has intelligence, and children do not have these. It is reported by Nasfi in Bahrul Kalam that Prophets and children of believers will not be questioned nor will they be punished in the tomb. This is the view of Hafiz Ibne Hajra Also.

248. It is reported by Shaikhul Islam Ibne Hajar in his book Bazlul Maaoon fil Fadhlil Taaon that a Muslim who dies in Cholera he will not be questioned, a man who stays in his place in cholera, expects reward from Allah, and believes that nothing can happen except what is destined, then this man dies in cholera or any other disease he will be saved from the questioning or punishment of the tomb. And he is like a man in Jihad protecting the boundaries of Islam. One who dies on a Friday, Allah lifts a curtain for him and he sees his rank in the sight of Allah.

This is because on a Friday the fire of hell is not lit or burnt, hell's doors are closed and the incharge of hell

takes a day off, thus whoever has his soul taken away on Friday, it is sign of goodness and happy ending. The Holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said that whoever dies on a Friday day or night will receive the reward of martyr and will have the seal of martyrs on him.



Chapter 20.

The hardships in the tomb and its comforts to a believer.

(249-265)

249. It is reported by Hani that Uthman when he used to go to a tomb used to weep a lot that his beard used to become wet. People asked when we talk about paradise and hell you do not weep and you weep so much when you see a tomb. He said, I heard the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) say tomb is the first step in the steps of the here after. One who escaped this, for him there are easier steps and one who didn't escape this for him there are more difficult steps. And the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said I found the tomb the hardest of all, I have seen.

250. It is reported by Ibne Umar that a man died in Medina and his prayer was led by the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) and he said, it would have been better if he would have died in travel. A companion asked the reason for this. He replied the longer distance a man dies from his home the more space he is given in paradise. There is a similar report from Ibne Masood.

251. It is reported by Abu Saeed Khudri and Ibne Umar that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said tomb is pit of the pits of hell or a garden of the gardens of paradise, i.e. for unbeliever and evil it is a pit of hell full of punishment, and for a good believer it is a garden of paradise full of comforts, pleasures and virtues. It is reported by Ali that every day the tomb says out three times that I am a house of insects and bugs, I am dark room, and I am a tomb of loneliness.

252. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that a believer lives in a green garden in the tomb and his tomb is widened 70 yards and it is so enlightened as a full moon. And it is reported by lady Aesha that the tomb is increased 40 yards and widened 40 yards. Qartabi has mentioned that the tomb is widened after the pressing of the tomb and after the questioning of the Nakeerain. It is reported by Ibne Abid Dunya in Kitabul Quboor that Jesus Christ went to tomb accompanied by his Hawariyeen (companions) and people complained of the narrowness and darkness of the tomb. Jesus replied you were in more narrow space in the womb of mother, then Allah sent you in more wide place (the world). When Allah wants he will widen the tomb also.

253. It is reported by Ibne Abid Dunya in his book zikrul maut that there was a saint in Basrah who had a young bad nephew who used to accompany the singing women. This saint used to advise him but he didn't listen. He died and the saint took down the body in the grave and was to throw soil on it that he had some doubt about something. He took out a block and saw that his tomb was wider than the Id-Gah (field of big Id prayer) and the young man is sitting in the middle. The saint prepared the tomb and went to his wife and asked what deed did he do to deserve that. His wife replied when he used to hear Ashhadoan la ilaha illallah and Ashhado anna Mohammeda Rasoolullah he used to say O, Muezzin I also bear witness to what you bear witness to also and whoever does not listen to the voice of Muezzain we teach him the witness also.

254. It is reported by Sharik Bin Abdullah that I prayed over a dead in Kufah and entered the tomb. I began to apply blocks on the tomb that suddenly a block fell. I saw myself in Ka'abah doing the movement. I still remember the Ka'hab and Black Stone (Hajari Aswad) in front of my eyes.

255. It is reported by Umro Bin Muslim that a man tomb-digger told me I dug two tombs, prepared them and was digging the third tomb that I felt the warmth of the sun. I stretched a piece of clothe above and began to dig in its shade. Suddenly I saw two horse riders come and stood by the first tomb. One of them told the other to write. He said what to write. He said write three miles long and three miles wide. Then they came to the second tomb and he asked the other to write. He asked what to write. He said write as far as the vision goes. Then they came to the third tomb which I was digging and he said write. He asked what to write. He said space between thumb and first finger. When I heard this I got up and began waiting for the dead bodies. In the meantime some people brought a dead body and went to the first tomb. I asked how was the dead man? He used to give water and had plenty of children. He had nothing. We made a contribution for him. I said I will not accept his money, give it to the children and I helped bury him. then came the second dead body who had only four persons to carry the cot and they went to second tomb. I asked how the dead was? They said a traveller was lying dead on his horse and he had nothing as well. I did not take money for him and helped in his burial. then I waited till 'Isha prayer in the graveyard and a leader's wife body came. I asked for my wages. The people bet me and buried her and left.

256. It is reported by Abu yazeed who comes from Bahrein, I washed a travellerin Bahrein, I saw written on his body Tooba laka Ya ghareeb (O traveller, congratulations!) Then I looked again carefully and it was written between skin and muscles. This is reported by Aajri in Kitabul Ghoraba.

257. It is reported by 'Aqabah Bin Abi Mo'eet that i accompanied the dead body of Ahnafand went down the

grave. When I was preparing the grave, I saw it wide as far as the vision goes. I showed it to my other companion but he did not see what I was seeing.

258. It is reported that Abdullah bin Ghalib became a martyr in Jihad. When he was buried perfume of musk came from his tomb. All his friends saw him in dream and asked where was the abode. He replied, paradise! On what basis? He replied my faith was strong, I used to fast and pray Tahajjud (late night prayers). Then they asked what was the perfume from your tomb? He replied: recitation of Quran and prayer of Tahajjud.

There are different Hadith in the width of tomb and they are all alright. Every body will be judged according to his deeds. The varying width of tomb will be according to one's deeds.

259. Now are described those things that are beneficial in the tomb. It is reported by Sri Bin Mukhallad that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said to Abu Zar that if you plan to travel you will carry some luggage. So, what are you carrying for the day of Judgement. O Abu Zar! I tell you what will benefit that day. Abu Zar said, please tell us O, Prophet of Allah (Sal-am). He said fasting in summer (optional fast) and pray two Raka-ah in dark night. This will remove the loneliness of tomb.

260. it is reported by Ali that Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said one who recites every day 100 times La ilaha illallahul malikul haqqaul mubeen, he will not be poor, he will not feel loneliness in tomb, and all the doors of paradise will be opened for him.

261. It is reported by K'ab that Allah sent a revelation to Moses learn knowledge and teach knowledge to people, I enlighten their tombs and remove loneliness from there for those who learn and

teach knowledge.

262. It is reported by Ibrahim Adham that I carried a dead body and prayed O Allah! bless my death. A voice came from within the dead pray for blessings after death also. I was frightened by this voice. I buried the dead and set by the tomb. I saw a beautiful man come out of the tomb, he had perfumes, his clothes were clean. I asked who are you? He said I am one who replied from the dead. I am the Sunnah of the holy Prophet (Sal-am) he followed me, I used to protect him in the world, I will be light for him in the tomb and his friend, and on the day of Judgement I will enter him in the paradise.

263. It is reported by Abu Kahil that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said O Abu Kahil one who did not give trouble to anyone, Allah promises to remove trouble from his tomb.

264. It is reported by Umar that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said one who lightens the mosque, Allah will enlighten his tomb and who puts perfume in the mosque I will put perfume from paradise in this tomb

265. It is reported by Abu Bakr that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said Moses asked the Lord, O Lord! one who visits a sick person what will be his reward? Reply came, O Moses! I will appoint two angels to see him in the tomb till the day of Judgement. There is a similar report by Hasan also.



Chapter 21.

Punishment in the tomb.

(266-290)

266. It is reported by Abu Hurairah in Bukhari that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) used to pray: Allahumma inni a'oozo beka min 'azaabil qabr (O Allah! I seek your protection from the punishment of the tomb).

267. It is reported by Zaid Bin Thabit that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) went to the garden of Baniun Najjar and was riding a donkey. We were with him. Suddenly the donkey turned back and he was about to fall. There were five or six tombs there. He asked does any body know these people. One companion said I know them. He asked how was their death? He said they died on polytheism. He said if they were not buried, I would have prayed Allah to let you hear the punishment of the tomb as I hear it.

268. It is reported by lady Aesha that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said the punishment of tomb is correct and dead are punished in the tomb which all animals listen.

269. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said for a believer the tomb is made a garden, 70 yards wide and illuminated like a full moon. Then he asked the companions for whom this verse has been revealed: man a'radh 'an zikri fainna lahu maeeshatandhankanw wa nahshorohu yaumal qiamate a'ma. (One who turned away from remembering Me, he has hard life and I will raise him blind on the day of Judgement. The companions said Allah and His Prophet (Sal-am) knows. He said this verse is for Kafir and his

punishment. By Allah who owns me, 99 cobras will be appointed him and will bite and blow him till the day of Judgement.

270. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) passed through two tombs and said one dead did not clean the urine and the other dead used to backbite other people. Then he took a branch of date tree, split it and put it on both tombs. The companions asked why did he do that? He replied I expect as long as it is green there will be reduction in punishment. As long as the branch is green it will glorify Allah and Allah will reduce the punishment.

It is reported by Ya'li Ibne Marrah that I went with the Holy Prophet in a graveyard and heard the sound of the pressing of the tomb and I mentioned this to the Holy Prophet (Sal-am). He said did you listen? I said yes O Holy Prophet! He said this dead used to report that the punishment of the tomb is due to back-biting, and carelessness of urine cleaning. It is reported by Abdullah Bin Umar that I passed through a graveyard in Badr, I saw a tomb split and a man come out. There was iron chain in his neck. He said O Abdullah! give me water to drink. I was surprised. Then I saw another man come out. He had a whip and he said O Abdullah don't give him water. He is an unbeliever. He started whipping him until he went into the tomb. Abdullah says I went to the Prophet (Sal-am) and told the story. He said the man was Allah's enemy Abu Jahl. He will receive the punishment till the day of Judgement.

272. It is reported by Huwairith that I once passed through Athabah. I saw a man walk from a tomb towards me. His face and head was full of fire and the whole body was chained. He begged me to give him some water to drink. In the meantime another man came out from the tomb and said don't give water to

this unbeliever. He pulled him by his face until both went into the tomb. Howairith says when my she-camel saw this she ranned I could not control her until Akzabiyyah where I seated her, and prayed Maghrib (sun-set) and Isha and returned. I reached Medina in the morning and told this event to Umar (R.A.). Umar asked old men to tell him about this old man. One old man said O leader of believers I know this man. He belonged to the tribe of Banu Ghefar who died in ignorance and he did not fulfil the rights of guests.

273. It is reported by Ibne Masood that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said there was a pious man. When he died, people buried him and returned then Allah ordered the angel of punishment to whip him. The angel was about to whip him that he said I am an obedient servant and he prayed to Allah. It was ordered to whip him 50 times. He prayed again and the number of whips was reduced to one. In one whip his tomb filled with fire and the punishment of tomb started. When he recovered he asked why was he whipped. The angel replied one day he prayed without ablution (wudhu) and one day he passed by an innocent person who asked for help and he did not help.

274. It is reported by Abu Musa Ashoari that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said he saw in dream the angels were cutting the meat of some dead with scissors of fire. I asked who are they. They said these are people who used to dress nicely and used to perform illegal activities. Then I saw a well very dirty and bad smelling with noise coming out from there. I asked who are they. They said these are women who dress nicely and go for illegal activities (adultery). I saw some people with half of their bodies very beautiful and other half very ugly. They bathed in water of life and their whole body became beautiful and ugliness was gone. I asked who

are these? They said these are people who did good deeds and bad deeds both in the world. Allah forgave them out of his mercy.

275. It is reported by Ali that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) saw a dream, that he narrated after Fajr (morning) prayer. Two angels came to me and held my shoulders and took me to Heaven. Here was an angel with a big stone in his hand. He hits him hard so that the brain and jaws fall apart. When the angel goes to lift the stone by that time his brain and jaws are repaired. He hits with the stone and with same results. I asked the angels with me who is this man? He said let's proceed. I went further and saw an angel with a iron rod with curved head. There is a man in front of him. He inserts it to the mouth on the right side and ruptures it till the ear. Then he goes to the left side and ruptures it till the ear. In the meantime his right mouth is cured. I asked the angels who is this man? They said to proceed further. I went further. I saw a canal of blood flowing fast with people inside, naked and on the banks of the canal are angels with stones. When they swim to the shore they hit him hard and they end up deep in the canal and further from the shore. I asked who are these? They said let's proceed.

I went further,. I saw a housewide at bottom and narrow at the top, full of fire with a group of men, naked and shouting, bad smelling. I asked who are these? He said let's proceed. I went further and saw a black rock with people with fire coming from below and going upto their mouth, nose, ear and eyes. I asked who are these? He said let's proceed. I went further and saw fire burning wide for a distance. There is a fierceful angel there who collects any flame going outside. I asked who is he? He said let's proceed. I went further and saw a very green garden, a most beautiful man sitting there

with many children surrounding him. There is a tree there with leaves like elephant ear. I went up as far as Allah wished. I saw there beautiful house made of pearls, Zaburjad and red Yaqoot. I asked what are these houses? He said let's proceed. When I went further I met a canal with two bridges made of gold and silver and palaces on both sides, most beautiful made of pearls, green Zaburjad and red Yaqoot with cups and vessels kept on the banks.

I asked what is that? He said go and taste. I went to the bank and took a cup of water from the canal and drank it. It was sweeter than honey, whiter than milk and softer than butter, and pure.

Now, I asked the angels to describe the peculiar things we have seen today. That replied those whose brain and jaws used to fall away did not pray I'sha Salat and rest of the prayers at odd times. This will be their punishment till the day of Judgement. Those whose mouth was ruptured by iron rod are people who used to backbite and spread lies and quarrels among Muslims. This punishment will last till the day of Judgement. Those who were swimming in the canal of blood with stones thrown at their faces were those who used to eat interest and usury. This punishment will last till the day of Judgement. The naked women in fire were adultress and this punishment will last till the day of Judgement. The people on black rock with fire coming out of their mouth, nose, ear and eyes are those homosexuals who behave like the people of Loot. This punishment will last till the day of Judgement. The fire burning wide for a distance is hell. The very green garden is Jannate 'Aden. The old gentlemen is Abraham friend of Allah and the children round him are children that died young. And the tree is Sidratul-Muntaha. The palaces on the banks of the canal belongs to the

Prophets, and good believers. And that canal is Kauthar which Allah has given to you. The palace is yours and your family's.

The learned scholars have shown this Hadith to prove that the punishment of tomb is true and every body will taste it according to his deeds. The dream of a Prophet is a revelation and is true. He has said this punishment will last till the day of Judgement.

276. It is reported by Abu Imamah that one day after Fajr prayer the Holy Prophet paid attention to us and I have had a dream. This is true, understand it and remember it. A man came to me and held my hand and walked. In the way I met a high mountain. He asked me to climb on it. I asked I can't. He said I will soften the mountain for you. When it became soft I climbed easily. Here I saw men and women with their mouth ruptured till the ear. I asked who are these? He said they did not do what they said and broke their promises. We proceeded further and saw men and women with their eyes and ears choked with lead. I asked who are these? He said these are people who peeped through holes in other people's house and heard what they were not supposed to hear. We proceeded further till we came across women tied with their legs and hanging upside down with cobras biting on their chest. I asked who are these? He said these are women who did not milk feed their babies milk to and kept their children hungry. We proceeded further till we came across men and women tied with legs and hanging upside down. They eat black mud and dirty water. I asked who are these? These are people who used to fast and eat and drink before sunset, he replied. We proceeded further and saw group of men and women, very ugly with bad smell just as after a fever. I asked who are these? He replied these are those men and women who commit adultery. We proceeded

further and saw some dead bodies with all their body parts swollen and with bad smell. I asked who are these? He replied these are dead bodies of unbelievers. We proceeded further and saw some people lying under a tree. I asked who are these? He said these are dead bodies of Muslims. We proceeded further, we saw two springs in which boys and girls play. I asked who are these? He said these are children of Muslims. We proceeded further and saw some people with their faces bright, shining, wearing neat and clean clothes and full of perfumes. I asked who are these? He replied these are saints, martyrs and good people.

277. It is reported by Anas that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said one who is homosexual in my followers will be pulled through his tomb into the tombs of nation of Lut (homosexuals) and will get up among on the day of Judgement. It is written in Tareekh Ibne A'sakar that a man died in the frontier and was buried there. Third day his grave was dug, the body was missing. We enquired this to Wakee Bin Jarrah. He replied that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said one who is homosexual will get up on the judgement among the nation of Lut.

278. It is reported by Awan Bin Hoshab in Targhib in Isphahani that I went to a tribe where there was a tomb. After Asr the tomb split and a man came out with a donkey's head and made sound like a donkey three times and went into the tomb and the tomb closed. I enquired about him to the people and they said he used to drink alcohol. When he recovered his mother used to prevent him and used to say O my son! fear Allah. He used to say what do you speak like a donkey. He died after Asr. From that day onward this tomb splits after Asr and the man with a donkey's head comes out and shouts like a donkey three times and then goes in and the tomb closes.

279. It is reported by Abu Ishaq that I was called to give wash to a dead body. When I removed his clothes I saw a snake attached to his neck. I was surprised. The people told me that he used to rebuke the companions of the Holy Prophet (Sal-am).

280. it is reported that a snake entered the nostril of Abdullah Bin Ziad and came out of the mouth, then entered the mouth and came out of the other nostril and kept on doing this many times, then went to a side and then came back doing that again... no one knew where the snake came from and where it went.

281. It is reported by Asmat Abadani that I was going in a field and saw a church with a priest sitting in a room. I asked him to describe the peculiar thing you have here. He said one day I saw a white bird as big as an ostrich land here on a rock. It vomited a head, a leg, a thigh, and all other parts of a human body and it used to stick together till a man was made ready and sitting. When he wanted to get up, the bird again ate all its parts. This event happened continuously for many days. I was surprised, fully confident of Allah's power, and sure that Allah brings back to life this body after death. One day I addressed to the bird in the name of Allah to wait a minute till I ask the man about him and he may tell his story. The bird said in literary Arabic: the universe belongs to my Lord who is eternal and every thing else is going to die and He will never die. I am an angel appointed on this man because he has sinned. Then I said O sinner! who are you and what is your story? He replied I am Abdullah Bin Baljam killer of Ali. When I was killed soul went to Allah and my deed sheets were given with some good and some bad that I did since my mother gave birth to me. For the killing of Ali, this angel has been appointed on me for my punishment till the day of Judgement as you saw. Then the bird used its beak and cut and ate all body parts

and flew away. This is narrated by Tamam Bin Mohammad, Ibne 'Asakar, Ibne Najjar and Mohammad bin Ahmad.

282. It is reported by Abdullah in the book *Man 'Aasha b'dal Maut* that he was riding a boat along with some more people. The wind began to blow fast and black clouds made it dark for many days then day came and the boat reached a populated area. I went in search of water and came across a big house with all the dorrs closed and sound of wind blowing inside was apparent. I called but nobody replied. Then came two white clothed horse-riders and said O Abdullah! go this way you will find water. You drink water and if you notice something strange do not fear. I asked the riders whose house is this with all the doors closed and with sound of wind coming out? They replied in this house are souls of dead. I reached water and saw a man with the legs tied, hanging upside down with hands vainly stretched out to reach water below. He said O Abdullah give me water to drink. I filled water in a cup but my hands failed and I failed to give him water. I asked O servant of Allah who are you? He replied I am son of Adam, Qaabeel, the first blood shed by me was of my brother. This is also narrated by Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti in the commentary *Durre Manthour*.

It is reported by Abdullah Bin Hashim in *Hafiz Abu Mohammad (Karamatul Auliya)* that I went to wash a dead body, when I removed the cloth from his head, I found a snake attached to his neck. I said to the snake you are appointed by Allah on him and I have also God's commandments to follow to give him a wash. It is better you go to a side and when I finish my job you come and take your job. It came back to the neck after I finished washing and clothing. We later learnt that this dead was irreligious.

283. It is reported that a man came to Umar. His half head and half beard was grey. Umar asked him how die he become so? He said I went to that graveyard, suddenly I saw a man whipping. When the whip touches his body from head to foot he becomes fire. When he saw me he begged me to help. The whipper said do not help him; he is a Kafir (unbeliever).

284. It is reported that a man was in Medina where his sister died. When he returned home after burying her, he remembered that the money purse is left in the tomb. He went with a man and dug out the purse. Then he said to his friend to get aside, he wanted to see how his sister was? When he saw inside, he found the entire grave full of fire. He came back to his mother and asked how was his sister in the world? She said, she used to pray late hours, and sometimes without ablution (Wudhu), and when neighbours were about to sleep, she would go to their doors and listened to their talks and describe them to the people.

285. It is reported by Aban bin Abdullah that my neighbour died. I was with his washing and clothing. When we decided to put him down the grave, we saw an animal like a cat which we tried to prevent but it would not go. We dug a second grave and found the animal there also. We tried a third and final grave and found the animal there. We buried there. When we put the soil a terrible noise came from the grave. People told this to his wife and asked what he died? She replied, he did not wash himself after making love.

286. It is reported by Ibne Qayyim in *Kitabur Rooh* that in Bagdad an iron smith went to sell big iron nails in an iron smith market. One iron smith bought them and when he put them in the furnace, the fire did not affect them. Neither the nails became red or soft and hammer did not change them. At last he asked the seller where did he get them? First he told different

stories. But when he insisted then he said that he found an open old tomb and there were these nails attached to the bones. They could not come out easily. I could take them out by breaking the bone to powder.

287. It is reported by Abu Abdullah in Ibne Qayyim that I went after Asrin a garden and saw some tombs before sun-set. In one of them I saw fire with flames coming out like a glass furnace and the body is between the fire. I enquired whose tomb is this? We learnt that he used to cheat in selling goods. He died today.

288. It is reported by Abdul kafi that I was with a funeral prayer. There was a black man who went a side at prayers. He came back at burialand looked at me and said I am his deeds and went in the tomb with the body and disappeared from sight.

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Things that save you in the tomb.

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know where to go. Then came his Hajj and Umrah removed him from darkness and brought him to light. I saw a man from among my followers who talks to believers but they don't listen or reply. Then came his good behaviour with his relatives and said loud O believers! talk to him, then everybody talked. I saw a man from among my followers putting both hands on his face to protect from the heat and fire of hell. Then came his charity and became a wall and saved him from heat and became a shade on him. I saw a man from among my followers that the angels of punishment have surrounded him. Then came his preventing the evil and enjoining the right (Tabligh), rescued him from the angel of punishment and gave him to the angels of mercy. I saw a man from among my followers who tries to go to Allah on his knees but there is a curtain in the way. Then came his good habits and manners, held his hand and took him to Allah. I saw a man from among my followers whose deed sheets came from the left. Then came the fear of Allah in his heart and gave the deed sheets in his right hand. I saw a man from among my followers whose good deed sheets in his right hand. I saw a man from among my followers whose good deeds became less and lighter than the bad deeds. Then came his "Fart" and made the good deeds heavier. Fart are those children that die young and parents have patience on them, in the hope of reward. I saw a person from among my followers on the brink of hell. Then came his fear of Allah in the world and saved him. I saw a person from among my followers about to fall in the hell. Then came his tears that he used to weep from the fear of Allah in the world and saved him from hell. I saw a person from among my followers was standing and shaking on the bridge of Sirat. Then came his good hopes with Allah and he crossed the bridge. I saw a person from among my followers who was walking on

knees and all four on the bridge of Sirat. Then came his Salat, make him stand up and he crossed the bridge. I saw a person from among my followers on whom the door of paradise closed as he reached there. Then came his Kalimatush Shahadah (La ilaha illallah), opened the door and let him inside.

After that I saw some people hanging with their tongues sticking up and out. I asked O Gabriel! who are these? He said these are people who used to falsely accuse of adultery to believers men and women. And I saw some people whose both lips were cut by scissors. I asked O Gabriel! who are these? He said these are people who used to backbite among Muslims.

292. The Holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said that Allah will give six miracles to one who dies in Jihad:

1. By the time his first drop of blood falls on the ground all his sins are forgiven and he sees his place of rest in the paradise.
2. He is saved from the punishment of the tomb.
3. He will be safe from the problems of the day of Judgement.
4. He will be crowned of respect, every particle of its Yaqoot is better than the world and what is in it.
5. He will be married to the most beautiful lady (Hoor) of paradise.
6. He will recommend to paradise 70 members of his family.

293. the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said one who dies in the illness of stomach will be safe from the punishment of the tomb.

294. It is reported by Salman Farsi that some people of the Book told him that Jesus Christ has said that long stay in the standing position of Salat (prayer) will

save from the hardship of the bridge of Sirat, and long prostration will save from the punishment of the tomb.

295. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that he said to a man, may I give you a gift that you would be pleased with. He said, please do. Read Tabarakallazi Surah, teach your wife, children and neighbours. It is called "Munajjiyah", the rescuer. It saves from the punishment of tomb. It is also called "Mujadilah" or recommender. It saves from the fire of hell, from the punishment of the tomb, and recommends to Allah.

296. It is reported by Ibne Masood if the punishment of the tomb comes from the head side, then head will say no way! here is Surah Mulk. Then it will come from the feet side. Feet will say no way! he has read Surah Mulk standing. Ibne Masood says one who recites Surah Mulk every night will be safe from the punishment of the tomb.

297. It is reported by Anas that the Holy prophet (Sal-am) said a man died who only remembered Surah Tabarakallazi and nothing else from the Holy Quran. When he was buried, the angels of punishment came, this Surah prevented the angels from punishment him. The angels said you are part of Quran, we do not wish to annoy you, we have no power to punish or reward you or me or the dead. If you want to save the dead go and recommend before Allah. She will go and say this dead used to recite me in the world, I am in his heart, if You want to punish him then erase me from the Quran. The Lord will say you are angry. The Surah will say I have the right to be angry for him. Allah will say I give the dead body to you and accept your recommendations. She will come to the angels and save him. Then it will come to the dead and give good news: congratulations for the mouth that you read me with, the chest in which I am, your two feet on which you stood up in Salat and then

this Surah will stay in the tomb so that he does not get frightened.

298. It has been reported by Imam Yafei that there was a saint in Yemen. He says that once he buried a dead. After burial there came a harsh beating sound and black dog ran away from the tomb. I asked who are you? He replied I am the deeds of the dead. Then I asked this beating was on the dead you. He said on me He has Surah Yaseen and Surah Sajdah, they hit me to leave.

299. It is reported that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) always used to read Surah Tabarakallazi and Surah Sajdah before going to bed.

300. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that the Holy prophet (Sal-am) said one who recites on Thursday after Maghrib two Raka'ah and in each Raka'ah after Surah Fatiha 15 times Surah Zilzal (Iza zulzilat), Allah will ease his death, save him from the punishment of tomb and ease his passage on the bridge of Sirat.

301. The holy Prophet has said one who dies on a Friday or night, he will die with faith and will be saved from the punishment of the tomb.

302. It is reported by Anas that who ever dies in the month of Ramadhan, he will be safe from the punishment of tomb.



Chapter 23.

The dead believers are friendly to each other, pray, recite Quran, meet each other, etc.

(303-327)

303. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that Gabriel informed me that La ilaha illallah is a friend of the believers at the time of death, in the tomb, and the day you get up from the tomb, who said La ilaha illallah with true heart, followed it, avoided atheism and polytheism, obeyed Allah and did not do what he was supposed not to do, then it will help all the three places which are the hardest in Barzakh.

304. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that the Holy Prophet once passed through the tomb of Moses. He saw him praying Salat. He said all prophets are alive in their tomb and pray Salat.

305. It is reported that Sabit Banani always used to pray that O Allah! if you allow anyone to offer Salat in the tomb then allow me also. Jubair says when Sabit Banani died I washed, clothed and put him in the tomb. I could see inside the tomb and saw him offering Salat. Ibrahim Mahlabi reports people have told me that when anyone passed by the tomb of Sabit Banani they used to listen him reading Quran.

306. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that a companion

put a tent on a tomb. He said not know this was a tomb there. He heard someone reading Surah Mulk (Tabarakallazi) in the ground there. He came to the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) and told the story. The prophet (Sal-am) confirmed this and said that this Surah prevents from the punishment of the tomb.

Yusuf Bin Mohammad reports that the saint Abul Hasan showed him a place and said I always listen Surah Mulk from here. Is a Bin Mohammad saw Abu Bakr Bin Mujahid in his dream that he recites Quran. He asked you have died why do you read Q now He said after every prayer and after every finishing of Quran I used to pray Allah to make me one who reads Quran in the tomb. Allah accepted my prayer. Ibne Abbas says a believer is given Quran in the tomb and he recites it.

307. It is reported by Akramah that Hafiz Abulala Hamidani who was a learned scholar was seen by someone in dream after his death that he is in a city where the walls are made of books. I asked the reason for this. He replied, I asked Allah to keep me busy in learning and knowledge after death just I am busy in the world. Allah accepted my prayer and put the material for learning and knowledge in the tomb.

308. It is reported by Talha bin Ubaidullah that I was once passing through a forest. When it became night I stayed by the tomb of Ubaidullah Bin Umrao. From the tomb came such a melodious recitation of Quran that I have never heard before. Then I returned to the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) and told the story. He said, it was the voice of Abdullah. Remember that Allah hangs the soul of his special servants in lamps of Zabarjad and Yaqoot in the middle of the paradise. When it is night, He puts them in the body and they read Quran read Quran and offer Slat all night. In the morning he calls them to their real place in paradise.

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317. It is reported by Faryabi in Allama Ibne Jozi in Oyounul Hikayat that a women died in Qaisaryah city. Her daughter dreamt that she complained that you people gave me a narrow clothing and I am embarrassed among my friends. In the house on that place are some Dinars buy a suitable clothing for me and that women is coming to us on that day, send the clothes with her. The daughter says that she found four Dinars at that place in the house, then she went to that women and found her well and O.K. The daughter said you will die today, then let know as I have something to send her through you. The woman died that day and the daughter kept her clothes with her. The daughter dreamt again, now the mother thanked her for the clothes and prayed for her.

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the devil then they remember and look into the facts). He fell unconscious out of fear of Allah. After some time his father went searching and found him unconscious. He brought him home when he recovered he asked him to tell the truth. He read the verse, fell and died. People washed and clothed him (and buried him). Somebody told Umar in the morning. He went to his father for consoling and said why did you not inform me earlier? His father replied it was getting too late and we did not want to bother you, in the night. Umar said take me to his tomb. Umar recited: *Wa leon khafa maqama rabbihi jannatan* (one who fears standing before Allah will get two paradises). The young man replied twice from the tomb, Umar! you are right my Lord has given me two paradises.

346. It is reported by Umair bin Habab Salmi in *Ibne Asakar* that during the fight of Banu Umayyah nine of us were taken prisoners and taken to the king of Rome. He ordered all of us to be beheaded. When eight of us were beheaded and my turn came a servant of the king kissed his head and feet and begged him to give me to him. The king did so. He took me to his home where he had a beautiful daughter. He said, you know how much rank I have in the eyes of the king, if you accept my religion I will marry her to you and give all my wealth to you. He said I will not change my religion for a woman and I will not change my religion for money. I stayed many days and they kept on persuading me but in vain. One night the daughter took me to her garden and said why don't you listen to my father. I said I will not change my religion for woman or wealth. Then she asked me if I wanted to stay there or go to my home. My city was a long way from there. She showed me a star in the sky and told me walk in its straight line all night and hide somewhere in the day. This way, the fourth day I heard some horseriders coming. I was afraid that

perhaps the enemy has caught me. When they came near they were the same companions who were beheaded by the king of Rome and there were some others with them on white horses. They called me Umair and I replied yes I am Umair. You were killed, how did you come here. We are martyrs whom Allah has kept alive and have ordered them to pray the funeral prayer of Umar bin Abdul Aziz. One of them said O Umair! give me your hand. He gave me a ride and after a few minutes she stopped at my house.

347. It is reported by Abu Ali Dharir in *Ibne Joozi* in *Oyounul Hikayat* that there were three brothers in Syria who were very brave and healthy and always doing Jihad with the unbelievers. The king of Rome captured them and offered to give their country and married their daughters, if you became Christians. They refused. The king ordered three huge pots burning (heating) with oil for three days and night. Every day he used to take them to the pot and ask them to accept Christianity or I will throw you in the pot. They kept refusing. On the fourth day, he threw away the eldest brother in the pot. He took the next brother near the pot and asked him and persuaded him to become Christian but he refused. Then came a "Majoosi" who said to the king I will do the job. The king asked how? He said the Arabs are very fond of women and I have a daughter, perhaps the most beautiful in Rome. I will give this daughter to him and she will change his religion. The daughter agreed to do that, you rest assured. The young man had to live with her unwillingly. He used to fast in the day and pray in the night. One month passed and he did not look at the woman. The father asked the daughter what did she do? She said did not look at the woman. The father asked the daughter what did she do? She said his two brothers have been killed here. May be he is thinking of them and that is why he does not

thinking of me. She asked the king to send them to a different city and for more time. She was sent accordingly. Here also he spent his time in fasting and prayers. At the end of the time she said to him you are true in your faith and obedience, your Lord is true, I also accept your religion and reject the false religion. The young man asked her how can we escape from here. She brought a strong horse, both sat it and travelled all night long and rested in the day. One night they were going and they heard some horse-riders. These were his two brothers and some angels were with them. He said you died, how come you are here? They replied we had a dive in the oil and reached the paradise (Jannatul Firdaus). Now we are sent to marry this woman to you. They married and left. He took his wife to Syria and his story became famous. Allah saves the truthful as a blessing of their truthfulness in this life as well as the hereafter.

348. It is reported that Khalid M'adan apart from recitation of the Holy Quran used to count on fingers 40,000 times "Subhanallah" as "Tasbih" (rosary) was not common those days. After his death, when he was prepared for washing, his fingers were moving as in reciting Tasbih.

349. It is reported by Bashar bin Mansoor in Baihiqi a man used to live in graveyard and used to pray the funeral prayers of the dead coming there. In the evening he used to stand on the door of the graveyard, pray for the dead, ask for their forgiveness and go home. One day he returned without praying, when he slept he saw in his dream a group of people. They said that they are the dead of the graveyard, every evening you used to send us gift of prayers for forgiveness but not today. He propmised to send the gift always and will not be irregular again.

350. It is reported by Abu Abdullah Shami that we went for Jihad in Rome. Two of our men went out to find an enemy. They met a Roman and fought with him. One of the two became a martyr, the other wanted to return but then he thought my partner went to paradise and I am returning with nothing - this is a shame. I attacked the Roman but the attack went empty. The Roman climbed my chest and wanted to slaughter me. Immediately my martyr partner got up and we both killed him. We then walked talking and under tree my partner fell as he fell when he became martyr.

351. There are authentic books describing talks between dead and alive and with meeting with souls. Souls meet and talk with good and pious people sometimes. Zaid bin Kharijah Ansari talked many things after death. He read the Holy Kalimah, said that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) was true, the four Khalifah were true and told their virtues, and many things to happen in the future. Similarly Kharijah bin Zaid and Sabit bin Qais Bin Shamas talked after death and martyrs have talked and helped their partners. Imam Baihiqi writes that the talk of the dead has been authentically written by Muhaddetheen and the Imams of the religion have mentioned in their books with authentic narrations:

352. It is reported by Imam Yafei that Allah sometimes reveals the souls of the dead whether good or bad to satisfy the people, to learn lesson from them, to benefit the dead by reading of Quran, or praying for him or giving charity for him and have said that meeting with dead often takes place in dream and sometimes while awake but the latter is a miracle of saints. According to Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat good souls live in Illiyeen and bad souls live in Sijjeeyin and sometimes they come to their body in tomb especially on Friday

and the night they talk together. Good souls are rewarded and bad souls are punished. When they are up in the Heaven only the soul is rewarded and punished but body and soul are in the tomb.

353. It has been written by Ibne Qayyim that it is apparent from Hadith and the statement of the companions that when any person goes for visiting tomb the dead is informed, listen to the salam and replies whether Friday day or night or anyother day or night, whether martyr or dead. The Holy Prophet (Sal-am) when passed through the graveyard used to say salam and pray for their forgiveness, and used to order his companions for visiting tombs and to pray for their forgiveness.

It is reported by Hasan one who goes to a graveyard and reads this: Allahumma Rabbal ajsadil baliyte wal ezamin nakhiratillatikharajat minad duniya wa heya bika muminatan adkhil alaiha rauham min indika salaman minni. Then from Adam till now all dead Muslims pray for his forgiveness. And Ibne Abid Dunya reports he will get a goodness for every dead Muslim from Adam till now.



Chapter 25.

The abode of the souls.

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354. There are different abode of souls and they are all correctly reported. There is no real contradiction. Allama Ibne Qayyim has explained it very well let's know that between the world and the hereafter there is a world called "Barzakh" where the souls live. Barzakh is bigger than the world and much smaller than the hereafter. It has many classes and grades according to deeds. The souls live in their classes and grades according to their deeds.

Let's know that the relationship of soul with body is of five types:

1. First type in the abdomen of the mother and this is weak.
2. Second type after birth till all life and this is stronger than the first type.
3. Third type during sleeps this is very weak as the soul is connected with the Barzakh and therefore the body's relationship is weakened, and whatever a man dreams is a result of the travel into Barzakh.
4. Fourth type is that of Barzakh, after death. The soul leaves the body but there is a connetion with the body. The soul travels from one world to another in no time just like a sleeping person travels all over the world or upto the seven heaven in no time and sees wonders and comes back in no time. It is for this reason that it is Sunnah to visit the graveyard and say salam. The soul listens to our salam and replies. This type exists till the Day of Judgement.

5. Fifth type is that of the day of Judgement, when we get up from the tomb. This relationship is very strong and can not be weakened or destroyed. Now the body will stay as it is and there is no sleep or death.

Souls are of four types:

1. Souls of the prophets.
2. Souls of good believers.
3. Souls of evil believers.
4. Souls of atheists and polytheists.

No body knows the place the souls live after death except the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) The Prophet saw both these worlds and met the souls in the night of ascension (M'eraaj) and Allah showed him away things. For this reason the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) whatever he described in the truth and whatever the companions reported is the truth. The soul is not like anything we know of or we can understand it. The soul is kept to its class according to its deeds. Some live in the highest class of Illyyeen. These are Prophet's souls and the Holy prophet (Sal-am) has talked with them in the night M'eraaj. Some souls sit on the green birds and they move around in the paradise wherever they wish. These are martyrs who were killed in Jihad and who have no debt. Those who have debt will be barred from entering paradise.

355. It is reported by Mohammad Bin Abdullah that a man came to the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) and asked if I am made a martyr in the way of Allah, what is my reward? He said paradise. When he wanted to go, the Prophet made him return and said if you are not in debt of anyone. Gabriel brought this order just now. Some souls live at the door of paradise, some are enclosed in their graves and they receive punishment and reward. Some souls will be imprisoned below the seven grades and will be punished. These are souls of polytheists and

atheists. Some will be punished in fire, some in canals of blood. Prophets and martyre live in paradise, and with the permission of Allah travel wherever they wish. Other people's soul lives in Barzakh and in tombs being punished or rewarded there as the case may be.

356. The author of Sahibe Afsah haa written that the soul of believers live in different states: some live as birds on the trees of paradise, some in green birds and some in white birds, and some in lamps below the throne, and some in shape of men of paradise, and some in new shapes according to their deeds, some travel in the world and come back to their body, some go on meeting the souls of the dead, some are in custody of Mikail (Michael) and some in the custodianship of Adam.

357. It is reported by Hakeem Tirmizi that souls are not confined to any one place in Barzakh but keep on moving. They see what is going on in the world and among angels. Some souls are placed below the Throne (Arsh). Some can fly anywhere in the paradise.

358. It is reported by IBne Abbas that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said the souls of martyrs live in green birds, they go to canals in paradise and eat fruits, then stay in golden lamps that hang from the throne. They could sit on green birds and travel on them wherever they wish or their own shape is made beautiful like green birds just as angels sometimes travel as human beings but in the hereafter they will be made as human beings. There is a similar report by Ibne Masood, Ibne Umar and Ka'ab.

359. It is reported by Abu Saeed Khudri that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said the martyrs travel morning and evening then stay in green lamps that hang from the throne. Allah asks them the virtue I have given you, do you know of any other virtue better than this that I

offer you. They will say no! but we wish you make us alive and we do Jihad in your way and be martyr.

360. It is reported by Abdur Rahman when Ka'ab was about to die, Umme Bashar went to him and said say my salam to that person if you meet him. Ka'ab replied O Umme Bashar! will I get that much time to say your salam. Umme Bashar said did you not hear the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) say that a believer's soul will travel in the paradise wherever it may wish and the unbeliever's soul will be locked up in Sijjeen. He said yes. She said that's why I am asking you this.

361. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said the children of believers will live in a mountain of paradise under the supervision of Abraham and Sarah. They will look after them and return the children to their parents on the day of Judgement.

362. It is reported by Ibne Umar that the holy Prophet (sal-am) said those children that are after Islam eat and drink in paradise and be happy there and say O my Lord! where are my father and mother, send them to me.

363. It is reported by Khalid bin M'adan that there is a tree called Tooba in paradise each branch of it has a breast attached to it. Those children who die young while feeding on milk drink with the Tooba's breast and Abraham looks after them.

364. It is reported by Huzaial that the souls of the family of Pharoah are in black birds and every morning and evening taste the punishment of Hell. Souls of martyrs are in green birds, and Muslim children that are not adults yet are in sparrows of paradise. They travel, eat and drink.

365. It is reported by Abu Saced Khudri that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when Gabriel and I reached

the Heaven in Meraj, we saw Abraham there and the angels take the souls of children of Muslims, he says this soul is good and clean, take it to Illiyeen. Then they take children of evil people, he says it is evil and dirty take it to Sijjeiyeen.

366. It is reported by Qahb bin Munabbah that in the seventh Heaven there is a house called "Baidah" where the souls of believers assemble. When someone dies his soul comes here, all the souls enquire the worldly affairs from him just like a traveller when he returns home every body asks him about the travel.

367. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that souls of believers are taken to Gabriel then he says you stay here till the day of Judgement.

368. It is reported by Wahb bin Munabbah that the souls of believers are taken to a big angel by the name Roomael. He collects the souls of believers and is the Superitendant.

369. It is reported by Aban bin Tha'lab the angel incharge of the souls of unbelievers is called Domah.

370. It is reported by Ali that the souls of believers are in the well of Zamzam (in Mecca), and worst part of land is Hadhramout field called Barhoot where the souls of unbelievers assemble.

371. It is reported by Ali that the best land is Mecca and the worst land is Hadhramout where souls of unbelievers assemble.

372. It is reported by Abdullah bin Umar that the souls of unbelievers assemble in the well of Barhoot in Hadhramoot and believers souls assemble in Jabiya. In Yemen there is a city called Hadhramoot near it is Sana. The ground here is very low and is called Barhoot and well of Barhoot. The souls of atheists and polytheists assemble here. It is connected with the Hell.

In Bahrul kalam it is written below this is Hell. In Syria there is a place called Jabiah also called Areeha where souls of believers assemble. Both these places are connected with Barzakh.

373. It is reported by Ibne Abbas that one day the Holy Prophet was sitting and Asma bint 'Amees was near him. He (Sal-am) suddenly replied for salam and said O asma! this is Jafar Tayyar flying with Gabriel and Michael. He came to me and saluted and said that day in Jihad the polytheists inflicted 73 wounds in the front part of my body. When I took the a weapon in my right hand they cut it and when I took in left hand they cut it also. Allah has given me two wings for them and I fly with Gabrael and Michael (Meekail), go wherever I please in paradise and eat fruits. Asma said O Prophet I fear people may not believe this story so you go on the pulpit and proclaim it. The Prophet went on the pulpit, praised Allah and then told the story of Jafar Tayyar to the companions.

374. It is reported by Ahmad bin Mohammad Naispuri in his book from Hamid bin Yahya that in Mecca there lived a Khorasani man to whom people used to give their deposits and take them back whenever they wished. A man gave him a deposit of 12,000 Ashrafi and went for a travel. The Khorasani buried it in the house and became sick and died. Then returned the man and asked the children his Asharfi. They declined any knowledge of it and consulted the learned scholars of Mecca as to how can they pay back the deposit. The scholars replied Khorasani was a good man and we are informed that souls of good people live in Zamzam. In the middle of the night you go and call your father, hopefully he will reply. They called him for three nights and no reply came. The scholars advised him to go to Yemen at Barhoot and call him at well of Bahroot where the souls of those in Hell live. After

midnight when the children called him there he replied right away.

375. It is reported by Umro bin Sulaiman in Ibne Abid Dunya in Kitabul Quboor that a Jew died, he had the deposit of a Muslim. His son became Muslim and could find the deposit on search. He went to Shu'aib Jabai and told the story. He said you go on a Saturday near Barhoot and call your father, he will reply. Then ask him about the deposit. The son called twice at Barhoot and his father replied. He asked where is the deposit. He said buried near the door, take it out and give it to him, and hold fast to your new religion that you have adopted.

376. It is reported by Arvahin Dalaalun' Nubuwah that in the battle of Bir M'aoonah Abu Bakr's slave 'Amir bin Faheerah was made a martyr and Umro bin Umayyah was captured. Somebody asked Umro Bin Umayyah do you recognize your friends. He said yes, then he was shown the martyrs bodies and he asked who is not present among your friends there. He said 'Amir bin Faheerah, he was the best Muslim among us. Then he said this is his body and he pulled the weapon out of the body and the body started moving towards the Heaven until it disappeared from sight. His killer was Jabbar. When he saw this he became Muslim. Then Dhahak wrote to the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) the moving up of 'Amir's body and the becoming Muslim of Jabbar. He said the angels took the body of 'Amir in Illiyyeen. This is also reported by Imam Bukhari and Baihiqi reports the angels took the body of Khubaib also in the Heaven. Abu Naeem and Ahmad have also reported it. Similarly the body of 'Ala Hadharmi was taken to Heavens by angels.

377. It is reported by Ata Khorasani in Ibne Asakar that Owais Qarni had digestive trouble in travel and

died. With him were two clothes quite unlike earthly clothes and not prepared by man. Then two men went to dig the grave and they returned with the news that in a rock of the mountain his tomb is ready. We washed him, clothed him and buried him there and went. Abdullah bin Salamah says we returned there neither we found the tomb nor trace of it there.

378. It is reported by As Sir al-Musawan that when Malik bin Ali died and after washing and clothing he was brought for funeral prayer people noticed that all field and mountain was full of white-clothed people and all of them prayed.

379. It is reported by Abu Khalid that Umro Bin Qais died. At the time of funeral prayer the entire field was full of white-clothed men. After burial only a few men were found left there.

380. It is reported by Abdullah Bin Mubarak in Ibne Jozi that I saw a man in a jungle praying to Allah, O Allah! You are my object, my soul wants to see you, without You I have no happiness in the day nor in the night, then he wept, cried, fell on the ground and died. Then I saw many people come, wash, clothe, put perfume, offer funeral prayers, buried and went to the Heaven.

381. It is reported by Hasan Basari that one night I had to stay in a jungle. I saw a young man praying in the cave and a lion staying outside at the door. I said O young man! do you see something at the door. He said do you fear of lion? Had you feared the Creator of lion it would have been better. Then he said to the lion you are a dog of Allah, if Allah has sent you to eat me then I can not stop your food, if not, then get away from here. The lion went away. Then the young man said O Allah! my secret has been out, now it is no good to live for me in the world. If the hereafter is good for me then take my

soul away. He died instantly. I returned and took with me pious and good friends to bury him. When I reached the cave there was nothing A voice came from the unseen O you! take your friends away. The young man has been taken to Heaven.

382. It is reported by Saeed in the book "Sharful Mustapha that Hasan Basari was sitting with a group and there came a man with green eyes. hasan Basari asked him your eyes are green by birth or due to illness. He said you did not recognise me. When he gave his name and address every body recognized him and asked him what happened with you? He said I with all my luggage, business goods went towards Yemen. In the way there came a hurricane which broke the boat and it sank. I mounted on a board reached a jungle. For four months I wandered in the jungle, ate leaves of trees and grass. One day I decided to take a certain way to reach population or die in the way. In the way I came across wonderful palace and a beautiful door. I went inside and found pearl boxes locked with their keys lying there. I opened a box which had beautiful perfume and saw people with silken clothes sleeping there. I called one and he was dead. I closed the box, closed the door and went my way. In the way I met two horse-riders, very beautiful, with their horses white on the forehead and legs. They asked me who I am and where do I come from? I told my whole story and they said proceed, you will come to a garden where a beautiful man is praying, you tell him your story and he will lead you to the way. I told him my story. he asked me what I did in the palace. I said closed the box and door, then he was pleased. Then came a cloud and said As-salam-oalaikum ya waliullah. He asked the cloud where was it going, It said in that city and so on. Until a cloud said I am going to Basrah. He said come down and take this man to his house well taken care of. While riding on the cloud I

asked him to tell me by Allah what was the palace, who were the riders and who are you? He said this house is for the martyrs of the sea. Those who drown angels bring their body and put them in silken clothes in the box. And I am khidr. I have prayed Allah to keep me with the nation of your Holy prophet (Sal-am). The man said when I went on the cloud I was so frightened that my eyes became green. This story is narrated by Shaikhul Islam Ibne Hajar in his book Esabah fi Ma'arfatus Sahabah in the story of Khidr. In the fourth volume of Durre Mansour, it is mentioned when Adam was informed of Noah's flood, he prayed to Allah that whoever buries him again after flood may he live till the day of Judgement. Khidr buried Adam again after the flood and Allah accepted Adam's prayer for him to live to the day of Judgement.

The souls in the tomb receive reward or punishment according to their deeds. And if they are good every morning and evening they are shown paradise and angel says this is your true home and abode. This is reported in Bukhari and Muslim.

In another report it says that the souls of Pharaoh's family are in black birds. Every morning and evening they are taken to hell and said this is your true home.

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1. Mother's a womb, this is narrow, quite dark.
2. World, in which he is born and did good or bad

deeds.

3. Barzakh the house from death till day of Judgement. This is much bigger than world as world is much bigger than mother's womb.

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Chapter 26.
The dead are shown the
deeds of the living.
(386-388)

386. It is reported by Anas that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) has said that your deeds are shown to your relatives and neighbours who have died. If your deeds are good, they are pleased. If not, they all say o Allah! do not let him die until you have given him guidance, as you guided us.

387. It is reported by Hakeem Tirmizi in Nawadirul Usool that the Holy prophet (Sal-am) has said the deeds of the servants are shown to Allah on Monday and Thursday; on Friday to Prophets and parents. They are all pleased with good deeds, and their faces brighten up. Hence o people! fear Allah and do not sadden the deed and do not do evil which will grieve them.

388. It is reported by Abi Aseed that a man came to the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) and said my parents have died, is there a way I could do useful service to them? He replied yes there are four ways you can do good to them:

1. Pray for them.
2. Follow their advise and obey their orders.
3. Show respect to their friends.
4. Be good and kind to their close relatives.

Chapter 27.
What stops a soul from
entering paradise.
(389-395)

389. It is reported by Abu Hurairah that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said that a believer's soul is captive in its debt. When a believer dies and he has debt and it was not paid then his soul will not enter paradise unless and until his debt is paid.

390. It is reported by Anas that we were sitting by the Prophet (Sal-am) that a dead body came for funeral prayers by the Prophet (Sal-am). He asked if he has debt of anyone. People said yes. He said his soul is captive in debt, it can not go to Heaven. My prayer will not do good but if someone volunteers to pay his debt, then I will pray and my prayer will benefit him.

391. It is reported by Samrah bin Janab that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said after Fajr prayer, is there anybody from that tribe, his dead is halted at the door of paradise and this is in your hands. If you pay his debt he will go to paradise, otherwise he will receive punishment.

392. It is reported by Jabir that a person died who two Dinar debt. The Holy Prophet (Sal-am) did not lead his prayer but when Abu Qatadah offered to pay the debt then he prayed. Next day he asked Abu Qatadah if he had paid the debt? When he said yes, he said now his soul is pleased.

393. It is reported by Saeed Atwal that my father died and he left three Dirnam, children and debt. I

wished to spend to spend the Dirham on children but the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said your father is captive, pay back his debt.

394. It is reported by Shaiban bin Hasan in the book *Man 'aasha b'dal Maut* that my father and Abdul Wahid went for Jihad. In the way they met a very wide and deep well from which came a murmuring sound. One of them went down the well and found a man sitting on a board. They asked are you human or jins. He said human. He asked why are you sitting here. He replied I come from Antakia city, I am dead, I have debt for which Allah has made me captive here. My children are in Antakia, they have forgotten me and did not pay my debt. Then the man came out from well and said to the other man let's go to Antakia and first repay his debt and then we will go for Jihad. They went there and repayed the debt and returned. When they came where was well, there was no well or any trace of it. They slept there and the man came in the dream and said may Allah give you good reward. You paid my debt and now Allah has given me a place in paradise and allowed me to go wherever I want.

395. It is reported by Jabir that the holy Prophet (Sal-am) said one who dies without a will he will not talk to other deads or would be like dumb till the day of Judgement. The companions asked do the dead also talk. He said yes they go to meet each other.



Chapter 28.

The living soul meets the dead souls. (396-403)

396. Allama Ibne Qayyim has written in *Kitabur Rooh* that there are numerous proofs of the meeting of souls of living and dead and the stories are told by many pious people that one can not help believing them. Thus just like the meeting of the souls of living people in dreams, is the meeting of living and dead souls too. Allah says in the Quran: *Allaho yatawaffalanfusa heena mautiha wallati lam tamut fi manamiha fayumsekullatigadha 'alaihil mauta wa yursilul ukhra ila ajalim musamma* (Allah takes away the souls at time of their death, and those who are not dead at the time of their sleep. Those that are destined to die, he takes them away and rest of the sleepers he leaves them after the appointed time). Ibne Abbas writes in the commentary that living and dead souls meet in dreams and enquire about each other. Allah holds the dead souls to Him and leaves the living souls to come back to their bodies. There is a similar report by Saddi in Ibne Abi Hatim. Ibne Qayyim writes a living person sees a dead person in dream and he tells him something and it happen exactly as told.

397. Ibne Seeren says whatever the dead tells you in dream is true, because there is no lie where the dead is.

398. It is reported by Ibne Abid Dunya and Ibne Joozi that S'ab and 'Auf were great friends and they became brothers. S'ab said to 'Auf o brother! which one of us dies first he should come in dream and describe

what happened to him. S'ab died first and 'Auf saw him in dream and asked what did the Lord do to him. He said He forgave my sins. Then 'Auf asked what is this black mark on your neck? He said I took ten Dirham on loan from a Jew, it is in my purse, you give it to him. Beware whatever happened in my house, I have been informed of it. Even that the cat that died on that day I am aware of it. Beware my daughter will die the sixth day, you teach her good things.' Auf says I went next morning to S'ab's house, saw the purse, found ten Dirham, invited the Jew, asked him if he has loaned money to S'ab. He said, may Allah have mercy on S'ab, he was one of the good companions of the Prophet (Sal-am). I loaned him ten Dirham. I returned the two Dirham to the Jew. And then asked the people there what happened to them. They described what S'ab had described, even the death of the cat. Then I asked his daughter to come. When she came I put my hand on head, she was suffering from fever. I told her good things and she died the sixth day.

399. It is reported in Dalaetul Nubuwwah that Sabit Bin Qais was made a martyr in Yamamah and was wearing a precious armour. A Muslim took away with the armour from his body. Another person was sleeping there. Sabit came to his dream and said I give you two wills, do not forget them and do not consider them lie. The first will is that when I was made a martyr, a Muslim took away my armour. His house is at that end of the area. At the door is a horse with a long robe. The armour is inside the house covered with camel's dressing. You tell Khalid bin Waleed to have the armour collected from there. The second will is that when you reach Medina go to Abu Bakr and tell him I have so much loan and I have two slaves so that he can sell my slaves and pay my debt. When the Muslim woke up from dream, he went to Khalid bin Waleed and

described the dream of the armour, and Khalid got hold of the armour. Then he told Abu Bakr of the debt and the slaves, he sold them and repayed his debt. This is a miracle of Thabit Bin Qais that his will was passed after his death.

400. It is reported by Ibne Umar that Othman said one day after Fajr prayer that he had seen the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) in his dream last night that you break fast of fasting with me this evening. Othman was fasting that day and was made a martyr that day.

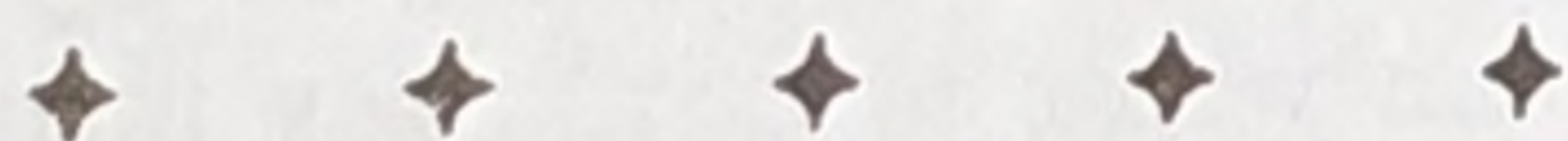
401. It is reported by Hakim that a woman came to a wife of the holy Prophet (sal-am) and asked her to pray for her hands. She asked what happened to her hands? She said my father was very generous and rich and my mother was a miser, she never gave anything to anyone except that one day we sacrificed a cow and she gave the fat to a poor and gave her a small dress. Then my parents died. I saw my father in dream. He is sitting by a canal and offering drinks to people. I asked him O, my father! have you seen my mother? He said no. I began to search for her and found her naked in a place with the short cloth she gave to the poor and the fat in her hands she gave to the poor, she licks it and calls thirst thirst. I said I will bring water for you. I gave her water. Then somebody complained to my father who gave that woman water to drink. My father said who did that may Allah spoil her hands. When I woke up from dream I found my hands not working.

402. It is reported by Salma in Dalaetul Nubuwwah that I went to lady Umme Salmah and saw her crying. I asked her why is she crying? She said I saw the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) crying with sand on his head and beard. I asked the Prophet what was the matter? He replied I have been to Karbala they killed my grandson Hussain. He is a martyr.

403. Shaikh 'Azuddin has written as long as the soul is in the body, one is awake and when goes away it sleeps, then it travels, if it goes to heaven then the dream it sees is true, because the devil does not reach the Heaven, if it dreams in the earth or on the earth then this dream is false because of satanic influence and when the soul comes back into the body man is awakened.

Akramah and Mujahid have said that in sleep the soul departs but its relationship with body is of the nature like sunlight when it falls the earth everything is lightened and the sunlight is connected with the sun through sun rays, otherwise sun will become dark. But when the soul is taken away in sleep then the spiritual connexion with the soul is disconnected.

Somebody asked Akramah how does one dream he is Khorasan, Syria and new countries. He replied that the soul travels and the relationship with body is also there. When body pulls the soul, man is awakened. Allah knows the truth.



Chapter 29.

Those who have seen the dead in their dreams and talked to them.

(404-413)

For details read Kitabul Manamaat (Arabic) by Ibne Abid Dunya. Only a few examples are given here for the sake of brevity.

404. It is reported by Abdullah Bin Umar wa Binul 'Aas when Umar died, I always wished to see him in my dreams to know what happened to him. Once I saw a grand palace and asked whose house is this? People said it is Umar's. In the meantime Umar came out of his house. I asked him how was he? He said if my Lord was not Forgiving and Merciful, I would have ruined. I asked what happened to him? He asked how many days have passed since I died. I said 12 years. He said I have just finished accounting of my deeds.

405. It is reported by Abdul Malik that I saw 'Aamir bin Quis after his death and asked him how is he? He said very well. Then I asked what was the best virtue of all the virtues. He said the good deed done with true intention is the best deed.

406. It is reported by Abu Abdullah that my uncle died. I saw him in my dream. He said that the world is deceitful, and the hereafter is for good-doers a house of happiness, and strong faith and well-doing to Muslims there is nothing like it, do not consider it light to do good deeds and whatever good you do think that this is your last deed.

407. It is reported by Maimoon Kurdi that I saw 'Arvah in my dream after his death. He said I owe a Dirham to that man and the Dirham is kept on my cabinet, give it to him. The next day I met that man and asked if 'Arvah owed him any money. He said one Dirham. He took it from the cabinet and gave it to him.

408. Some one from Kufa reports that I saw Suwaid bin Umro after his death in very good state. I asked o Suwaid ! how did you get this rank. He said I used to recite La ilaha illallah a lot , you also read it, and Daood Taii and Mohammad bin Nadhar also got because of this Kalimah whatever they got.

409. It is reported by Mutrif bin Abdullah in Sh'abul Iman that I once went to a graveyard and prayed two Rakah by a tomb lightly and slept. The tomb dead said you prayed two Rak'ah and thought it is brief and light, I said yes. He said you do deeds but you do not know the value and we know the value but we can not do the deeds. If we could pray like you two rak'ah this prayer would have been better for us than the whole world. Then I asked who are the people in this graveyard. He said they are all Muslims and good. I asked who is the best. He pointed out towards a tomb. I said in my heart o Allah! show me the dead that I may talk to him suddenly the tomb opened and a young man came out (and this is not difficult with Allah's powers). I asked are you the best of them? He said they say so. I asked what deed did you do when you look young, it does not look like too many Hajj, Umrah Jihad and other deeds. He said I had too much troubles and I was patient which gave me this rank.

410. It is reported by Mohammad Salim in Tarikhe Baghdad that I saw Qadhi Yahya bin Aktham in my dream and asked what happened with him. he said O good for nothing old man if our beard was not grey I

would have burnt you in the fire. All my body parts began to shake with fear. This happened three times. When I recovered I said O my Lord! The Hadith-al-Qudsi I have received from you is not like this. Allah said what you have received from Me, although Alah knows it best. The Hadith is : Ma shabali 'abdun fil Islamishaibatun illastahyato minho an oazzibahu fin Nar. In Islam when my servant becomes very weak and very old then I feel shy of putting him in fire. I said this Hadith O angel! take him to paradise.

411. It is reported by Hafas Bin Abdullah that I saw Abu Zar'ah in my dream after his death praying with the Jama'at of angels of the heaven. I asked how did you get this rank? He said I wrote 10 lakh Hadith with my hand and at the begining of each hadith I used to write Sallallaho alaihe wa sallam. Allah gave me this rank because of this Durood.

412. It is reported by Abul Qasim Thabit that I saw S'ad in my dream, he was a great Muhaddith. He used to say me repeatedly O Abul Qasim Allah prepares a house in paradise for each session of Hadith taught.

413. It is reported by Sadaqah bin Yazeed in Ibne Asakar that in Tripoli he saw three big on the ground. On one it was written, he can not find pleasure of life who is sure that death will come and take away my land from me and make me sleep in the tomb. On the second tomb it was written one can not find pleasure of life who is sure to account for all his deeds. On the third tomb it was written one can not find pleasure of life who is sure that tomb will spoil my youth and our face and all parts of body will be made dust. I was surprised to see that and went to an old man in the neighbourhood and enquired the story of the tombs. He said there were three brothers. One of them was servant of the kind and commander of the army, the second was a rich

merchant, and the third was a saint who used to worship day and night. When the saint was about to die his brothers came to him for will. He said I have no money, no debt, nor luggage but when I die bury me there and write on the tomb he can not enjoy life who is sure that he will be accounted for every-thing and will see there was of his deeds, then visit me for three days, you will learn something for this. They visited three days and the third day the commander was about to return that he heard a falling wall noise from within the tomb. He began to tremble with fear, went home, saw his brother in dream and asked what was that noise. An angel said to me that day an oppressed asked for help and you ignored and he hit hard. This was the noise. He called his merchant brother and said I will not live among you and don't need king's company and service, he left the luxury of life and began to worship God and went to a mountain. When he was about to die his merchant brother came for will. He said I have no money, no debt but ask you to bury me next to my brother and write on my tomb: he can not enjoy life who is sure that death will come, take away my land and make us sleep in the tomb and visit me for three days. he did so and the third day he heard a sound that make him tremble. He returned home and saw him in dream and asked what happened? He said I am alright, and by repentance all my sins were forgiven. I asked how is my brother? He said he is with good people at high rank. then I asked what will happen to me? He said you will receive the reward of what you do. Take good care of time and opportunity. In the morning he also left the world and distributed all his wealth to the poor and spent his life in Allah's worship. When he was about to die his son came for will. He said I had no money but I ask you to bury me next to your two uncles and write on my tomb : one can not enjoy life who is sure that tomb

will spoil our youth and turn our face and body parts into dust. visit me for three days. The young son visited for three days and the third day he heard a horrible sound from the tomb and he returned home sad. He saw his father in dream who said you will also come soon. Get prepare for the house you have to come. Don't be like the wordly people who are careless and idle until death comes to them suddenly. Hurry up, hurry up, hurry up. the son told his dream to someone and said I have three months or three days left. The third day he gathered every body, said good bye to them, read Kalimatush Shahadah and died.



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When a man dies his deeds end and he can not do any good deed and he waits for others to do good deed for him so that he can escape punishment. We people need food and drink, similarly a dead person needs our prayers even more. Any way we do good deeds for a dead by praying Nafil, by fasting Nafil, by giving charity, by building a mosque, by reciting Quran, by reciting Durood and Istighfar (repentance and blessings to the Holy Prophet (Sal-am)), the dead receives full reward, and we also received the same reward. Allah says in the Quran: Wallazeena jaoon mimba'dehim yaqooloona Rabbanaghfir lana wa likhwaaninallazeena sabaqoona bil iaman (those who came after wards say O our Lord forgive us and our Muslim brothers who passed away with faith).

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438. Iman Yafei Yameni was a learned scholar and saint writes in his book *Rauthir Rayaheenthere* was a saintly woman Bahiyya at the time of death turned her face towards Heaven and said O Allah I trusted You and trust You after death also, do not embrace me at the time of death, and give me comfort in the tomb. After her death her son used to visit her every Friday night and day and read Quran on her tomb for all the dead and pray and repent for them and say O Allah ! You be pleased with them and forgive their sins. The son says once he saw his mother in dream and asked how is she? She said the pain of death is too much. In my tomb there are flowers silken pillows and will remain till the day of Judgement. Then I asked mother do you want something. She said yes son don't stop visiting, don't stop prayers, repentance, recitation of Quran. I am pleased with your coming. when you come all the dead say O Bayiyya your son is welcome to all of us. I once saw in my dream a group of people come to me. I asked who are you and where have you come from? They said we are dead of the graveyard come to thank you and request you to continue your prayers for us.

439. Story: Malik Bin Dinar was saint. He says in my early youth I was employed as a customs officer and used to drink alcohol a lot. I married and a daughter was born whom I loved a lot. When I used to put alcohol in the cup she used to throw it on my clothes. She died at the age of two. I was very sad. It was Lailatul Baraat and Friday night, I drank alcohol. I saw in the dream it is the day of Judgement and the dead are collected and I am with them. Suddenly I saw a cobra snake running towards me with its mouth wide open. I ran and met an old man with nice clothes, perfumed. I saluted him and

asked him to protect me and help me. he said I am weak and can not defend you. I ran on a mount and saw miles of fire and was about to fall in the fire towards the other side and saw the cobra running towards me. Again I met the old man, he said go towards this mountain where there are Muslim peoples trust, if you have a trust it will help you. I ran towards the mountain I saw houses with doors made of gold with pearls and silken curtains hanging. An angel called to open the doors and lift the curtains, may be there is a trust for him to help him in the hour of need from the enemy. Then came many children moon-faced and also came close the cobra to attack me. A child cried out all your children come out. Then they all came out and with them was my daughter who had died. She hugged me and began to weep. She had my right hand with her left hand, and her right hand she moved towards the cobra. The cobra ran away and until disappeared from my sight. Then she asked me to sit down and sat on me and put his right hand in my beard and said O father: Alam Yane lillazeena Aamanu an takhsn'a qulubohum lizikrillahi wa ;ma nazala minal Haqqi (Has the time not come for the believers that tremble thier hearts for the memory of Allah, and the truth that has come from Allah,). Then I asked the daughter who was this cobra. She said your bad deeds who wanted to throw you in the hell. Then I asked who was that old man. She said he was your weakened good deeds, he could not have for given your bad deeds. Then I asked the daughter what do you do in the mountain. she said we live here till the day of Judgement until you all come then we will recommend and pray for you. Malik Bin Dinar says when I woke up I repented from all the sins and became a true servant of Allah.

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438. Iman Yafei Yameni was a learned scholar and saint writes in his book *Rauthir Rayaheenthere* was a saintly woman Bahiyya at the time of death turned her face towards Heaven and said O Allah I trusted You and trust You after death also, do not embrace me at the time of death, and give me comfort in the tomb. After her death her son used to visit her every Friday night and day and read Quran on her tomb for all the dead and pray and repent for them and say O Allah! You be pleased with them and forgive their sins. The son says once he saw his mother in dream and asked how is she? She said the pain of death is too much. In my tomb there are flowers silken pillows and will remain till the day of Judgement. Then I asked mother do you want something. She said yes son don't stop visiting, don't stop prayers, repentance, recitation of Quran. I am pleased with your coming. when you come all the dead say O Bayiyya your son is welcome to all of us. I once saw in my dream a group of people come to me. I asked who are you and where have you come from? They said we are dead of the graveyard come to thank you and request you to continue your prayers for us.

439. Story: Malik Bin Dinar was saint. He says in my early youth I was employed as a customs officer and used to drink alcohol a lot. I married and a daughter was born whom I loved a lot. When I used to put alcohol in the cup she used to throw it on my clothes. She died at the age of two. I was very sad. It was Lailatul Baraat and Friday night, I drank alcohol. I saw in the dream it is the day of Judgement and the dead are collected and I am with them. Suddenly I saw a cobra snake running towards me with its mouth wide open. I ran and met an old man with nice clothes, perfumed. I saluted him and

asked him to protect me and help me. he said I am weak and can not defend you. I ran on a mount and saw miles of fire and was about to fall in the fire towards the other side and saw the cobra running towards me. Again I met the old man, he said go towards this mountain where there are Muslim peoples trust, if you have a trust it will help you. I ran towards the mountain I saw houses with doors made of gold with pearls and silken curtains hanging. An angel called to open the doors and lift the curtains, may be there is a trust for him to help him in the hour of need from the enemy. Then came many children moon-faced and also came close the cobra to attack me. A child cried out all your children come out. Then they all came out and with them was my daughter who had died. She hugged me and began to weep. She had my right hand with her left hand, and her right hand she moved towards the cobra. The cobra ran away and until disappeared from my sight. Then she asked me to sit down and sat on me and put his right hand in my beard and said O father: *Alam Yane lillazeena Aamanu an takhsn'a qulubohum lizikrillahi wa ;ma nazala minal Haqqi* (Has the time not come for the believers that tremble thier hearts for the memory of Allah, and the truth that has come from Allah,). Then I asked the daughter who was this cobra. She said your bad deeds who wanted to throw you in the hell. Then I asked who was that old man. She said he was your weakened good deeds, he could not have for given your bad deeds. Then I asked the daughter what do you do in the mountain. she said we live here till the day of Judgement until you all come then we will recommend and pray for you. Malik Bin Dinar says when I woke up I repented from all the sins and became a true servant of Allah.

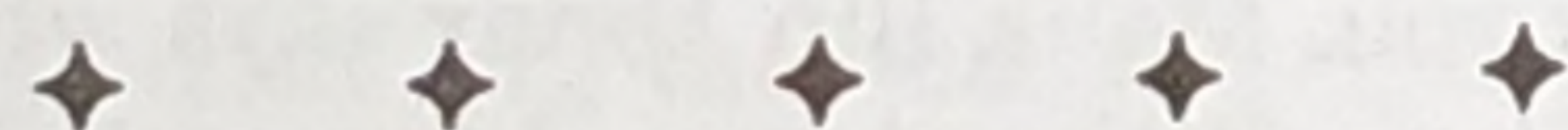
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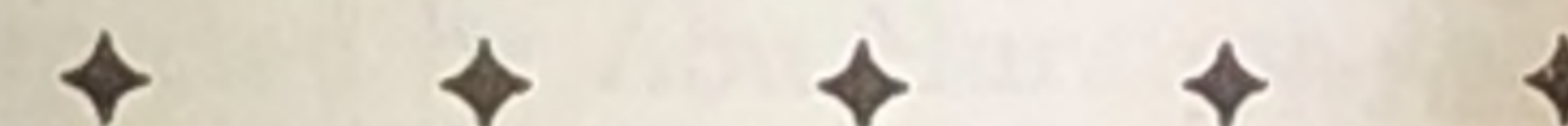
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456. It is reported in Baihaqi and Waqdi that Maavia decided to dig a well in Uhad and announced whose dead are buried in Uhad may come. All the dead bodies were fresh and in good shape. By chance one dead had a wood-axe cut his feet and fresh blood came from it.

457. It is reported by Abdur Rahman that in the battle of Uhad Umro Bin Jamoh Ansari and Abdullah bin Umar Ansari were made martyrs and both were buried in a low ground tomb. Flood came during rains and both these tombs were opened. Both bodies were taken out to be buried at some high place. Both bodies were fresh, without any change as if they died today. There was a wound in one body on which his hand was kept, when the hand was removed he put it again. They both were buried at a high place. Forty six years were passed to the battle of Uhad.

458. It is reported by Ibne Umar that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said one who calls for prayer for Allah and not for benefit from any body but for reward from Allah, he is like a martyr and his body will not be eaten by earth.

459. Another report, on the day of Judgement caller for prayer will have a high neck and his body will be safe in the tomb.

460. It is reported by Jabir that the Holy Prophet (Sal-am) said when a Hafiz dies, Allah orders the earth not to eat its flesh. The earth says how can I eat its flesh when your Quran is in his heart.

461. It is reported one who has never committed sin, earth will not eat its flesh.

